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RAIN!

RAIN COVERED a wide area of the Big Bend country March 8 and 9 breaking a serious drought in the Big Bend - Davis Mountain region.

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Some parts of Jeff Davis county received as much as an inch. Ranchmen in the area believe it is the best March rain in a number of years.

Later in the month, March 25 and several days thereafter general rains which were very beneficial to the ranch country, fell all over West Texas as varying from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Grazings

BY THE EDITOR

THE ASSOCIATION WORTH MUCH TO RANCH PEOPLE

ONE OF the cleanest cut arguments for the support by the livestock men of their livestock association was brought out during the Bandera meeting by Horace Fawcett of Del Rio. He is the representative of the Association on the National Livestock Tax Committee which has striven during the past five years to maintain and secure protection of the livestock people in income tax matters. The work of this committee has been directed very effectively toward maintaining the premise that the sale of a capital asset should be so considered in paying income tax. Any gain made under the provision is considered to be a capital gain, only one-half of which is taxable. To eliminate this provision and protection for the livestock industry, as Federal tax agents apparently have determined to do, would cost the industry a vast sum of money.

Guided by the National Tax Committee, attorneys for the livestock people have repeatedly fought the Federal tax rulings on this matter and, without exception, have won every court case. Mr. Fawcett declares that the Federal income tax people say that they do not have to

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follow the decisions of the court and apparently they ignore the intent and purpose of the law as written and passed by Congress. Therefore, emphasized Mr. Fawcett, this provision must be written into the law clearly and specifically. "We now have a wonderful opportunity to get this provision passed to secure complete and final protection in this matter and a bill will be introduced into the House Ways and Means Committee in the immediate future in the initial step of taking his project through Congress."

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Mr. Fawcett pointed out that it has been five years since the committee has asked for any money from the Association members to carry on this work, which work necessitates paying the expenses of attorneys and incidentals. The funds of the National Livestock Tax Committee are low and \$40,000 additional money is needed to keep the work going in what is hoped to be its final stages. Contributions from the sheep and goatmen are desired and they can be mailed direct to the Association office in San Angelo, made payable to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, specifying that the money is to be placed in the National Livestock Tax Committee fund.

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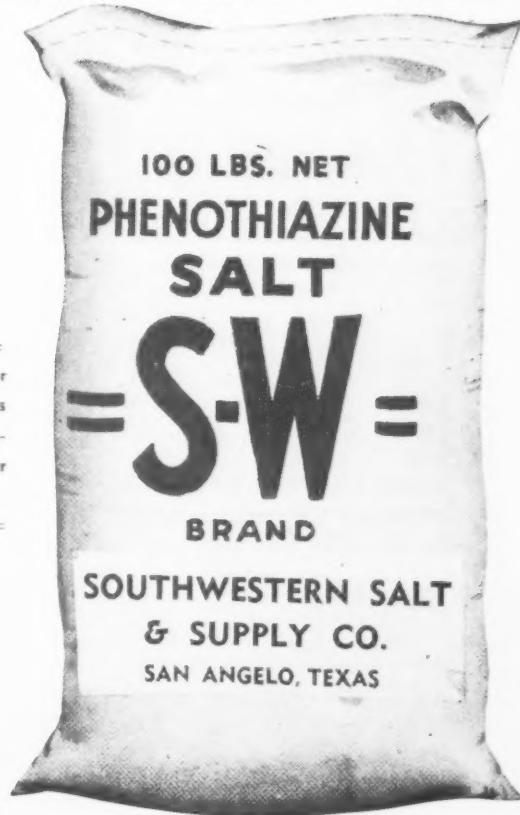


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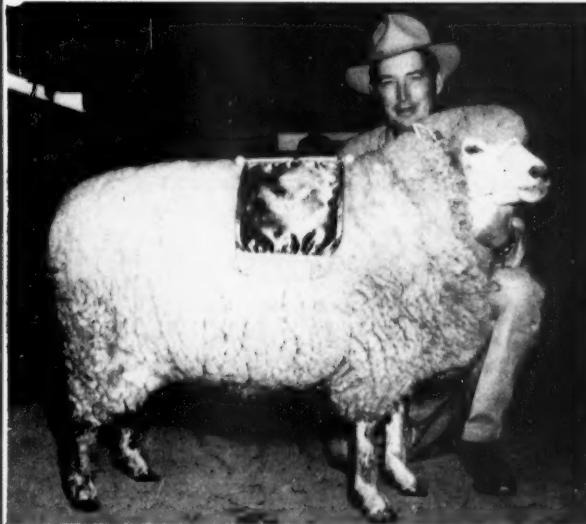
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Ram Lamb	1st and 3rd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st	1st and 5th	1st and 2nd	1st and 9th
2-Tooth Ram	1st		1st and 3rd	1st and 4th	1st and 2nd	2nd and 7th	1st	
4 to 6-Tooth Ram		1st and 2nd	1st	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	None Shown
Champion Ram	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb	Ram Lamb
Res. Champion Ram			2-Tooth Ram	4 to 6-Tooth Ram	2-Tooth Ram			
Pen-of-3 Ram Lambs	1st						1st	
Ewe Lamb	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 5th	2nd and 4th	1st and 3rd
2-Tooth Ewe	1st and 2nd		3rd and 4th	2nd and 3rd	1st and 4th	2nd and 3rd	2nd and 4th	
4 to 6-Tooth Ewe		1st and 2nd	2nd and 3rd	1st and 3rd	3rd and 4th	2nd and 3rd		1st and 4th
Champion Ewe	Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb		4 to 6-Tooth Ewe		2-Tooth Ewe		4 to 6-Tooth Ewe
Res. Champion Ewe								Ewe Lamb
Pen-of-3 Ewe Lambs	1st							
Pen-of-3 Yng. Ewes	1st							
Exhibitor's Flock	1st		1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	
Lamb Flock	1st			1st	1st	1st	1st	
Get-of-Sire	1st		1st	1st	2nd	1st	1st	

Champion ewe also won trophy for best fine wool sheep in show

Rambouillet Get-of-Sire won the Sheep Breeders trophy for best fine wools in show

CORRIEDALES

	FREDERICKSBURG	FORT STOCKTON	FORT WORTH	HOUSTON	SAN ANTONIO	SAN ANGELO
Ram Lamb	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	3rd and 4th	3rd and 4th
2-Tooth Ram			1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 3rd	4 to 6-Tooth Ram
4 to 6-Tooth Ram	1st and 5th	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 3rd	2nd and 4th	2nd and 4th
Champion Ram	4 to 6-Tooth Ram	4 to 6-Tooth Ram	4 to 6-Tooth Ram	4 to 6-Tooth Ram		
Res. Champion Ram		Ram Lamb	4 to 6-Tooth Ram	2-Tooth Ram		
Pen-of-3 Ram Lambs					2nd	
Ewe Lamb	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 3rd	2nd and 4th
2-Tooth Ewe			1st	1st and 2nd	1st and 4th	1st and 3rd
4 to 6-Tooth Ewe	2nd and 3rd	1st and 2nd				
Champion Ewe		4 to 6-Tooth Ewe				
Res. Champion Ewe		Ewe Lamb		Ewe Lamb	Ewe Lamb	4 to 6-Tooth Ewe
Exhibitor's Flock			1st	1st	1st	1st
Lamb Flock			1st	1st	2nd	2nd
Get-of-Sire			1st	1st	2nd	2nd



CHAMPIONS — (Above) Champion Corriedale Ewe, and (Right) Champion Rambouillet Ram at the 1951 San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Both of these animals are undefeated on Show Circuit this year.

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PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, Lampasas

SAN ANGELO NATIONAL BANK,

San Angelo

SANDERSON STATE BANK, Sanderson

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Eldorado

THE FIRST STATE BANK, Rankin

**THE PECOS COUNTY STATE BANK,
Fort Stockton**

From the Association Office . . .

\$1 PER BAG

INSTEAD OF raising dues which would be in effect from now on, Association directors adopted a suggestion made by Warehouse and Dues Committee at the Bandera meeting that the Association officers solicit the voluntary contribution of \$1.00 per bag on the 1951 wool and mohair in addition to the regular dues of 25 cents per bag.

This "dollar-a-bag plan" would raise sufficient funds to help pay the traveling expenses of the State-hired sheep scab inspectors if and when State funds were exhausted and would also provide funds to be used in prosecuting those caught transporting scabbed sheep in violation of the law, Association officers stated.

Besides helping take care of the sheep scab situation, it will enable the Association to build up a much needed reserve during these times of high prices.

"We are continually being called on for added services which we cannot provide without sufficient revenue," Frank Roddie, Association President, added. "This is a good year with a bag of wool bringing from \$175 to \$250 and up, and mohair bringing even more money. Surely the grower can afford to send \$1.00 on each bag to the Association, plus his regular dues of 25 cents per bag, in return for industry protection in an uncertain future."

This same voluntary plan was put into operation two years ago and was successful in taking the Association out of the red.

CHARGES FILED IN SCABIES OUTBREAK

THE ASSOCIATION is assisting in the prosecution of violators connected with the recent outbreak of sheep scabies in Kimble County. The charge stated that 232 head of sheep were moved illegally from Louisiana, Pierce Hoggett of Kerrville, member of the Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas announced. The sheep have been quarantined and dipped, Hoggett said, so that the outbreak could not be spread to neighboring flocks. Fines of \$1 to \$5 per head can be assessed in a case of this kind.

SUBSIDY NOT CONTEMPLATED ON FOREIGN WOOL IMPORTATION

FOLLOWING the Bandera meeting a telegram containing the resolution of the wool committee on the subsidy of foreign wool was forwarded by the Association office to Senator Lyndon B. Johnson in Washington. (Resolution appears on p. 38 of this issue).

Johnson replied in part: "I know you will be interested in having the attached letter from the Office of Price Stabilization concerning the problem which you discussed in your telegram to me of March 12. If you have any further suggestions or in-

quiries which I might follow up in this connection, I would appreciate your letting me know."

The attached letter was written by Chas. Going Woodhouse of the Office of Price Stabilization to Senator Johnson and is quoted in full:

"Thank you for your memorandum of March 13 to which was attached a telegram from the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

"Work is being pushed as fast as is practicable on a special regulation dealing with the price of wool. In framing this regulation the importance of encouraging domestic production has been very definitely kept in mind. Consultations have been held with representatives of the various segments of the wool industry.

"This regulation does not contemplate a subsidy on the importation of foreign wools."

WOOL CEILINGS EXPECTED BUT NOT AT GROWER LEVEL

IN A communiqué from J. M. (Casey) Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Wool Growers Association, he stated that rollbacks on the March 23 release of from 8 to 10 cents a clean pound are in the offing for wool. Jones has been in consultation with the Office of Price Stabilization in Washington, and reports that no ceiling is contemplated at the growers level.

"When I asked the question," Jones said, "What will happen if the ceilings placed on wool are not sufficiently high to attract foreign wool?" The answer was, "Raise the ceilings." I doubt this," he continued, "I am of the opinion that manufacturers and topmakers on these committees are doing a good job for their own interests."

A previous release to the executive committee of the National Wool Growers and state Association offices said:

"On March 22 the wool trade, topmakers and pullers met with the people in the Office of Price Stabilization and proposed ceiling prices on wool. Byron Wilson represented the growers. He took the position that although wool prices seemed high he was opposed to a ceiling because there was no way to enforce ceilings on foreign wool and the result would be that other countries would get the wool by just paying slightly above the ceiling prices established by our Government. This has already happened in the case of lead, copper and some other strategic materials.

"However, the O.P.S. is determined to have price ceilings on everything, it appears at this time. The committee to work on ceiling prices worked out a scale as follows on a clean basis:

70's staple	\$4.12
70's average	\$3.91
64's staple	\$3.89
64's average	\$3.80
64's french-combing	\$3.74

62's staple	\$3.53
62's average	\$3.74
60's staple	\$3.75
60's average	\$3.70
58's staple	\$3.65
58's average	\$3.55
56's staple	\$3.41
56's average	\$3.37
50's staple	\$3.31
50's short knitting	\$3.28
46's average	\$2.96
44's	\$2.40
40's	\$2.30

"They suggested a 20 per cent reduction for black and grey wool; in the case of wool tops \$4.69 for 64's short dry-combed and \$4.80 on 64's warped. It should be remembered that these prices are suggested to O.P.S. There is no assurance that they will accept them and the ceilings may be set lower. Prices proposed are 8 to 10 per cent below replacement costs of wool at this time. No one can predict how soon the order may come out. If it is out within three weeks, it will be a miracle. It could, of course, come out in a week, but as O.P.S. is not speedy, it will probably not be out by that time if it is accepted. Please remember that these are suggested prices at topmakers', dealers', and wool pullers' levels."

HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES BRACERO BILL

ON MARCH 16, the House Agricultural Committee approved a bill by

Rep. Poage of Waco to put a government guarantee on the wages paid Mexican migratory workers. The bill also authorized the Department of Labor to recruit the braceros at points within the interior of Mexico.

The measure provides that the employer shall reimburse the government for costs of recruiting and transporting the laborers to ports of entry on the Rio Grande up to a limit of \$10 per worker.

In approving the Poage bill, the committee vetoed a proposed Labor Department measure which would have made the guarantees applicable to domestic farm labor. This would have empowered the Secretary of Labor to recruit domestic labor with the United States for work in areas where determined labor was scarce.

The version approved by the committee confines its provisions to Mexico.

The Mexican and U. S. Governments are in consultation for a new agreement over the use of braceros in the United States. The Mexican government reportedly is awaiting congressional action on the Poage bill before going ahead on the final agreement.

The Poage bill requires the Labor Department to certify that, in a given area additional labor is needed and that there are no unemployed American workers available to do the work before the braceros can be brought in.

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GOLDEN RAM TROPHY WINNER

The Golden Ram Trophy Winner in the men's Breeding Stud Show, Rambouillet division, was this excellent two-tooth ram bred by Noelke and Owens, Sheffield. This is the first time the trophy, each year presented by this magazine, has been won by this breeding firm. The trophy becomes the permanent possession of the breeder winning it three times.



MRS. WILSON SHOWS UNDEFEATED HAMPSHIRE FLOCK 1951

Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, Plano, Texas, whose flock of Hampshire sheep has become known throughout the United States, is exceptionally proud of her 1951 show record. Mrs. Wilson in this photograph is shown with Judge Ray Mowery of Texas Tech., Lubbock, and her champion Hampshire flock which has been undefeated, winning first in last fall's State Fair at Dallas, at the Kansas City Royal this year and at the livestock shows at Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and San Angelo — which is one of the most outstanding records of flock winning in the history of Hampshire competition.



LINE-UP OF BOYS RAMBOUILLET RAM LAMBS

One of the outstanding exhibits of the recent San Angelo Rambouillet show was the exhibit of ram lambs. This line-up, reading from right to left, shows Fred Rose, Del Rio, with his first place ram lamb which was also champion; Clinton Hodges, Sterling City, Hadley and Denton Wardlaw of Del Rio placed in that order along the line.



WILLIAMS SHOWS CHAMPION RAMBOUILLET EWE

John Williams, Rambouillet breeder of Eldorado, showed champion Rambouillet ewe of the San Angelo Fat Stock Show, men's division of the Rambouillet class.

FROM THE ASSOCIATION . . .

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The wage guarantee provision is interpreted to mean that if the employer defaults in payment, the U. S. Government would pay the Mexican worker the wages due him and then could sue the employer in a United States Civil Court to recover the funds.

Chief objections by the Mexican government in the past over the use of its nationals in the United States have centered around charges that the laborers were treated unfairly on wages and that pile-ups at border towns caused disruptions.

SOCIAL SECURITY ON MEXICAN LABOR

BEFORE THE committee approval on the Poage bill, Ernest Williams, Association secretary sent the following inquiry to Congressman W. R. Poage: "I saw an item in the paper the other day that brings up another question in regard to hiring of Mexican Nationals.

"It was to the effect that the Mexican Government opposed the payment of Social Security taxes by their nationals working in the United States. I think that most if not all of our people would rather not pay these taxes on their foreign labor anyway for a number of reasons.

"Can you give me any information on this?"

Poage replied in part: "While I personally fully agree with you that it would be highly desirable to eliminate the Social Security Tax on all foreign labor and while this was discussed in Mexico City, this was one concession that we felt we had to make to the labor representatives who insisted, first, that if we began to create exemptions we would soon break down the entire program, and second, that to establish such an exemption would give foreign labor an advantage over American labor. I don't think much of this argument, but it was definitely one of the concessions that had to be made in order to get an agreement.

"As I see it, it is not going to amount to much one way or the other. A man must work in covered employment for a full quarter before he begins to be eligible for Social Security deductions. There will not be many of these Mexican nationals who will qualify although I recognize that there will probably be more in your industry than in any single industry."

BRANDING PAINT AND CONTAINERS

EARLY IN March the Association office addressed a letter to T. H. Muller of the Department of Commerce stating the importance of branding paint to growers of essential wool. The letter asked that consideration be given branding paint and paint containers should a cut come in the civilian production of these items.

A reply stated: "Please be advised

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that National Production Authority is giving every consideration to such requests and recognizes the importance of the activities of your association and its members."

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

THE HOTEL Paso del Norte in El Paso has been designated as the headquarters for the 36th annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, November 5-7. Robert Miller, hotel manager, is accepting reservations now.

WE HAVE PROBLEMS, FORTUNATELY

IT IS the problems of the sheep and goat industry which keep it alive. The recent directors meeting in Banderas was one of the best in attendance and interest of the last 10 years, according to Association members of long standing. The new spurt of interest is attributed to the acute problems pertinent to the industry, scab, Mexican Labor, tax and impending price control. The people who depend on this industry for a livelihood must weigh these problems and work out solutions together for their common good. This is the idea behind the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

We urge you to read the minutes of the Banderas meeting printed in this issue for graphic evidence of what Association members are doing to meet the challenge of unsettled times.

MAKE YOUR HOME IN WYOMING, JUNE 16-18

THE TED MARQUISSE family will be host to a buffalo barbecue at noon June 16 on their ranch near Gillette, Wyoming.

The occasion will be the annual meeting of the Columbia Sheep Breeders Association which continues through June 18.

After the buffalo barbecue come Columbia inspections, business sessions and a trip through Yellowstone Park.

The concluding meeting will be in Bozeman, Montana conducted by W. A. Denecke, vice-president of the Association, and will include the changes in constitution and by-laws. Participation of all members is invited and needed.

SHEEP HERDERS FOR CALIFORNIA

WORD HAS been received from the California Range Association that the Basque Shepherd bill has passed Congress. This will provide for a number of herders to come to this country from Spain as soon as the Spanish consul clears their papers.

This supply of labor will be a bonanza to the sheep country of California and the far western states where herders are still used.

Buster Miller, registered Rambouillet breeder of Ozona, sold 100 yearling rams to Wardlaw Brothers of Del Rio. Fred Hagelstein of Ozona also bought 10 head from Miller.

Mr. Miller reports that he still has some choice rams for sale.

Official Minutes

Second Quarterly Meeting
Of The Board of Directors
Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association
Bandera, Texas, March 10, 1951

PRESIDENT RODDIE called the second quarterly directors' meeting to order in the Bandtex Theater, Bandera, Texas, at 10:30 A. M.

The Invocation was given by Rev. J. Russell Heamer, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Bandera, Texas.

H. F. Schlemmer, County Agent, Bandera, Texas, gave the Address of Welcome.

The Response to the Address of Welcome was given by Horace Fawcett.

The Secretary called the roll and the following directors were present:

John Alexander, Jack Allison, Marcus Auld, J. T. Baker, W. E. Barr, Alvis Belcher, Dolph Briscoe, Jr., Herbert Brown, Mark L. Brown, Stanton Bundy, Jr., John P. Classen, Tom Collins, R. R. Coreth, John L. Couch, Gully Cowart, W. R. Densbury, O. D. Dorris, R. W. De Pree, W. D. Dinkins, O. D. Doorn, Fred T. Earwood, Arthur Eichenhoff, Worth Evans, Albert Faltin, Sayers Farmer, Horace Fawcett, R. B. Ferguson, Frank Fulk, Fred W. Hall.

R. H. Harris, Scott Hartgrove, Raymond Hicks, J. Ed Hill, C. T. Holekamp, Harry Holt, Bryan Hunt, T. A. Kincaid, Jr., G. R. Kothman, Charles L. Kunkel, P. K. McIntosh, J. O. McLearn, Floyd McMullen, Jimmy Maddox, Jimmie Martin, Russell Martin, Stan Mayfield, Ed L. Mears, Jr., Len M. Mertz, Penrose Metcalfe, Buster Miller, Jimmy Mills, Frank Montague, Thomas Morris, H. C. Noeke, Jr., Oscar Neuhoffer, Jimmy Pate, Jimmie Pate, Walter Pfleger, V. I. Pierce.

Leonard Proctor, Clayton Puckett, Felix Real, Jr., Walt Reeder, Leo Richardson, Ray Dinkins, Frank Roddie, Joe B. Ross, A. D. Rust, David Schmidt, Charles Schreiner, L. A. Schreiner, Lance Sears, Rudolf Smith, John E. Sorell, L. M. Stevens, Adolf Stieler, Eugene Stieler, S. L. Stumberg, Jr., John Treadwell, R. M. Thomson, Jr., J. W. Vance, Homer Walker, R. L. Walker, W. J. Wilkinson, T. Williams, Adam Wilson, Jr., Willie B. Wilson, Ray F. Wyatt.

President's Report

President Roddie reported that possibly for the last sixty days emphasis had been on price ceilings and controls but that he had been unable to obtain any information from Washington. He said that it had been reported that we would have something in the near future.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary then gave the following report:

"You probably have already noticed that this financial report is different from those made in the past.

"This one attempts to start off with a clean slate. Our 1951 year started November 1, 1950, not November 31 as shown on the mimeographed sheet, and though we wound up last year with a considerable balance on hand, we did not show it on this report. This one shows receipts for this first quarter of \$5,739.66 and disbursements of \$6,419.74, an excess of disbursements over receipts of \$680.08.

"On hand as of February 28 is \$10,000 in bonds, \$13,819.74 in cash in several banks, \$579.12 in the Livestock Tax Committee Fund and \$5,896.00 of wool and mohair promotion funds. Of these latter funds only \$1,135.45 was received this past quarter - the balance is a carry over from last year.

"I believe that the expenditures as listed are self-explanatory and are in line with previous reports except for two items under Office Expense -

Postage and Supplies and Printing. I'll explain why they were more a little later.

"The second page shows the warehouses submitting dues during this first quarter. So far as I know it represents the last of 1950 wool and mohair.

"Individual collections are in response to statements sent from the office.

"Membership is still showing a gradual increase even though we continue to remove from the rolls all who are more than one year behind in payment of dues. Before doing this, consideration is given to whether or not his wool or mohair has sold. Total membership in January was 6862 - an increase of 163 since November 1.

"I wanted to especially mention membership here in Bandera, though, as the Association probably has more members here than any other county.

"We have started several new wrinkles in the administrative end this year. Some of you have wondered in the past if your dues had been received at the office. Beginning this Spring a receipt card will be mailed to each member when his dues are received. In cases where wool or mohair is delivered by the warehouse several times during the year, only one receipt will be sent.

"A special card will go to those becoming members for the first time and a different one will go to the man who is reinstated as a member after an absence of several years.

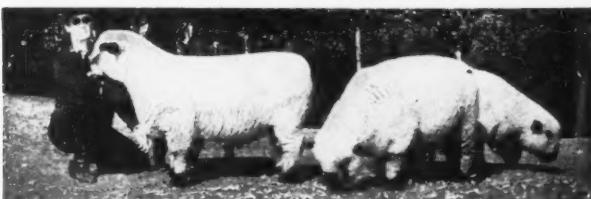
"Nearly two years ago when mohair was practically unsellable the Association entered into an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture to finance cooperatively a Mohair Market Research Project. A contract was signed with a firm from New York specializing in such work. The contract was to be completed in not longer than three years. Just a year ago several of us were in Washington on mohair and other business and met with Mr. Burgess of the Burgess Company who gave us a progress report on the project.

"Since mohair prices have increased considerably over what they were when the project started interest in the project has probably lessened.

"The project is still under way and is scheduled for completion early this summer. Congressman O. C. Fisher is the Association's representative on this project. He has attended its meetings and just a few days ago sent me a digest of its progress. He said Mr. Burgess has been presenting some fifteen new fibers containing varying quantities of mohair to fabric manufacturers, finished product manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. Judging from their report they have done a lot of work.

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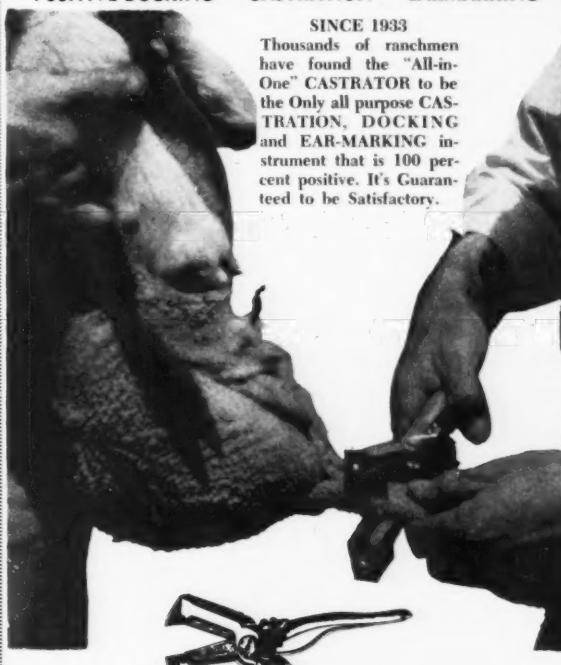
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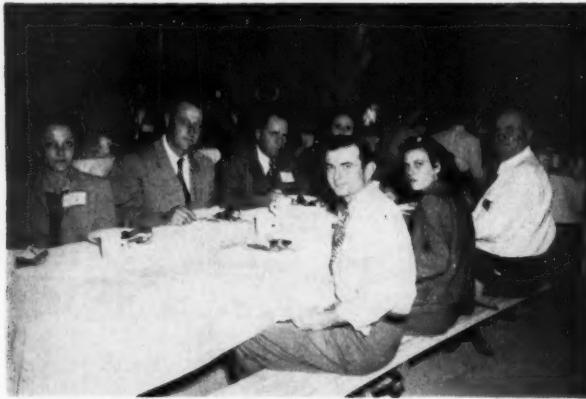
The lobby of the beautiful Frontier Hotel in Bandera was crowded with directors and their wives as Bandera citizens greeted the visitors at the directors' meeting and registered them for the meeting. From left to right are shown some of the visiting ladies: Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Jr., Austin; Mrs. S. W. Dismukes, Rocksprings; Mrs. P. K. McIntosh, Eldorado; Mrs. Adam Wilson, Jr., Hunt; and Mrs. John Classen, San Antonio.



GOOD EATS AND A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Bandera County citizens served the visiting ranch people a wonderful noon-day luncheon on March 10 in the Cowboy Bar. Hosts were Bandera County Ranchmen and Farmers' Association and Bandera County Livestock Improvement Association.

In the picture is shown Pioneer "Uncle" Ed Mansfield who was celebrating his birthday. To his left are Mrs. Arthur Eichenloff of Blanco and Mrs. Gene Stieler of Kerrville.



HAPPY EATING

Here is a group shown at their table during the noon-day luncheon. Left to right: Mrs. Herman Schlemmer, Bandera, wife of Bandera County Agent; Frank Fulk, Fort Stockton, Association Director; Jimmie Mills, Del Rio livestock commission man and Mrs. Frank Fulk; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montague, Jr., Bandera County ranch family; and Frank Montague, warehouseman and Bandera County ranchman. Mr. Montague has been Association Director for many years.

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after he returned from Mexico City where he attended the U.S. - Mexico Labor hearings.

"This probably is not news to most of you but present agreement will be in effect until July 1. The new agreement, if adopted by the Congress, will go into effect then.

"New agreement would bring Mexican workers to reception centers in Monterey, Hermosillo and Chihuahua. U. S. Immigration officials would go to those centers and screen the laborers for health, communistic leanings, etc. Those certified as employable would be transported by the U. S. Government to the United States side of the boundary.

"Employers would go to border centers and employ whom they wanted. Those not employed would be sent back to Mexico.

"When the employer is through with the worker he would be returned to the border.

"Employer would not have to put up bond and would not have to go to Mexico. Term of employment would be six months.

"I talked to Mr. Poage again last Tuesday. He said that bills covering this agreement had been introduced in the Senate and House. He introduced the House bill and said that it included the provision that their pay would not be subject to Social Security deduction, but that he doubted it would pass that way."

Sheep Scabies Work

President Roddie then asked for a report from the Sheep Scabies Committee.

Penrose Metcalfe, Chairman, reported that the committee had met briefly during the morning and then he asked Duval Davidson, Director of the Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas, to bring the directors up to date on the scabies situation.

Duval Davidson reported that since the recent outbreak of scabies the Commission had to use every man they had to keep up with it and that they have found that the scabies could

MINUTES

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"Mr. Fisher wrote - 'The project is due to be finished this summer. I feel that he (Mr. Burgess) has achieved a great deal and has laid the ground work for making use of mohair in the future. You can readily understand from the enclosures that Burgess and his firm have done a splendid job so far as meeting the contract specifications are concerned. It should pay in the long run.'

"Mr. Fisher also wrote about another new use for mohair which I feel resulted partly at least from pressure brought by the Association. Some of you possibly have read in recent months of the Army asking for bids on several million yards of mohair frieze. We knew fairly well what it was being used for but I wrote Mr. Fisher about this, too.

"This mohair frieze is being used by the Army in field jackets as an insulating liner. It is still in the experimental stage. The Quartermaster Research Department said that it was 'the best thing we know in insulation for use in uniforms where temperatures drop down to 20 or 30 below.' It received preliminary tests in Canada and Alaska and has been in limited use in Korea.

"Three years ago a special mohair committee was in Washington and visited the Quartermaster Research Department where we had a conference with their top men. They promised increased experimenting with mohair and it looks like it has paid off.

"Considerable thought has been given to getting improvements made in the old system of hiring processed Mexican labor.

"At the present time, so far as I have been able to learn, it is still pretty much muddled.

"I talked to Texas Congressman Bob Poage about one month ago just



MORE HAPPY EATING

Seated at this table are quite a number of other ranch people. On the left at the end of the table are Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Holekamp, Junction and down the line, Captain Gully Cow-sert, Junction, Texas Ranger. On the right is past Association President Sayers Farmer and Mrs. Frank Black.

be traced to three sources — two bunches being from Louisiana direct and that these were certified by a veterinarian in Louisiana as having had four dippings before coming to Texas.

"We have been investigating a second trace back in East Texas which also came in from Louisiana. We are to bring suit against the parties involved in Junction, Texas. The local attorney in Kimble County and the local people are going to help on the prosecution.

The Sheep Committee met with Dr. Fladness in Fort Worth during December. He readily agreed that scabies existed in Louisiana and in other states east of Missouri. Louisiana is the only state that has no regulated program going on. He said that if they could get the money, they would have a program. They have asked for \$130,000 for work in Louisiana, but it was not in the budget. We are still confronted with the situation in Louisiana.

"We have 27 complaints filed. We have four cases pending and one is the case in Junction."

Fred Earwood asked Mr. Davidson if he had designated someone to have charge of sheep scabies work under his (Mr. Davidson's) supervision.

Duval Davidson answered that there has been no such designation — that that position was done away with in 1929. He said that if the Commission could get four additional district supervisors with pay that would attract them, they would have a better set-up. He mentioned that if they could get an emergency appropriation bill passed they could get along all right for the present.

Fred Earwood asked if Pierce Hoggett had been made supervisor of scabies work.

The reply was yes he has been.

Earwood: "Do you have any suggestions as to what this Association could do to help in eliminating scabies?"

Davidson: "I hope that we can solicit your help in Austin so that we can get a sufficient appropriation. Until we can prevail on Congress to designate enough money to take care of scabies in Louisiana, we are going to continue to have it. Because of the price of sheep, they will continue to come from Louisiana. The State Veterinarian says that over 60% of the State of Louisiana has scabies."

Davidson stated further that they needed help to defray expenses of the cases now pending, and that he understood that the Association would take of this.

President Roddie said that Ray Willoughby had asked if the Association would help in the Junction case and that he had told him that we would help after we know how much money was needed. He felt that the Association would approve of helping with the prosecution.

Earwood: "Would you like the Association's help in raising money for the inspectors' expenses?"

Davidson: "It would help. Our Department is dependent on the sheep raisers and the cattle raisers to accomplish anything at all."

Earwood: "If you will tell us what

we can do as you go along, we will try our best."

Vic Pierce: "Don't you think that this will be a long drawn out thing even if we get an appropriation. Don't you think it would be a good idea to have a fund set aside, an emergency fund, to help when the money runs out. We need to have a fund always available."

Davidson: "It would be a wonderful gesture of cooperation."

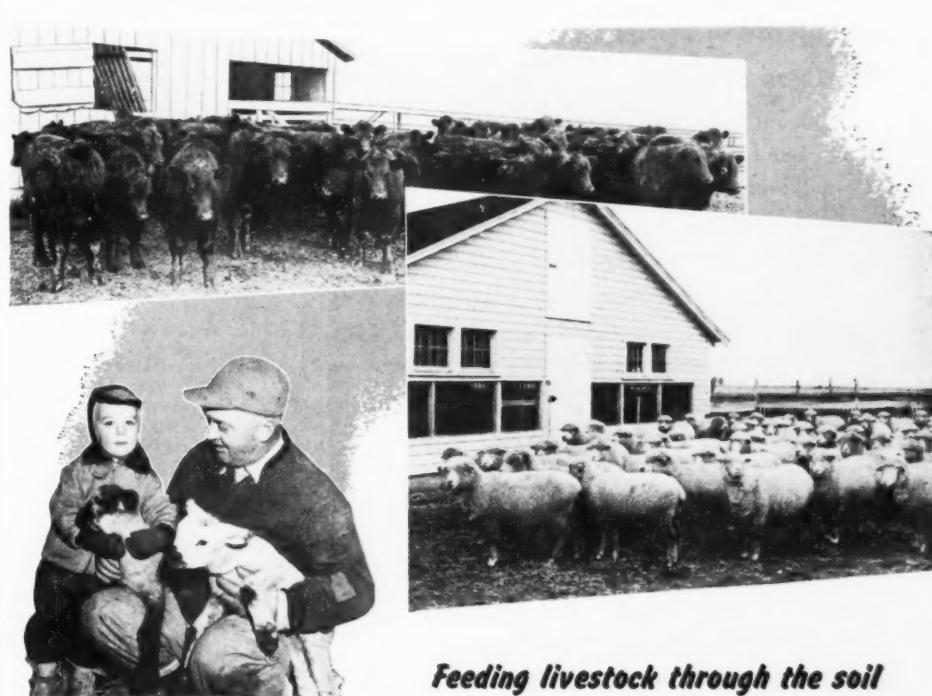
Russell Martin: "I believe that I remember at Fort Worth that it was

suggested that each county should hire their own inspectors and that they could be under the supervision of the Livestock Sanitary Commission."

Davidson: "That way you will pick up inexperienced men and we don't have enough men for supervision. The Commission is reluctant to do this."

Earwood: "Don't we have a law on our statute books that when scabies breaks out that the county involved must hire an inspector."

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Feeding livestock through the soil

When the Albert Schindlers bought a farm near Centrilia, Missouri, in 1938, cash cropping had starved the soil. The farm was producing less than 20 bushels of corn or oats per acre. Albert decided he would have to feed the soil before he could feed livestock.

"I tried clover, but it wouldn't catch, so I started treating about 20 acres each year and now every field has had at least one application of lime and rock phosphate. Next, I quit cash cropping and began feeding everything to livestock." When a complete fertility testing service was started a few years ago by the County Agent, Schindler was one of the first to bring in his soil samples. He now uses 500 to 600 lbs. of high-test fertilizers to the acre for corn, and the residual boost often doubles his oat yields the following year.

Albert's program is paying off. The land will grow legumes now. He has 60 acres of improved pastures, using red clover and ladino in combination with other grasses. The average of his last three corn crops has been 107 bushels per acre.

With this steady increase in feed production, he is now handling 28 beef cows and their calves, 50 additional feeders, 100 ewes, and 12 sows that farrow twice a year. In 1938 he handled only 10 beef cows, 40 ewes, and 5 sows. Last year he marketed a 130%

lamb crop in June, averaging 75 lbs., and the ewes averaged 11 lbs. of wool. He also markets over 7 pigs per litter, usually weighing from 215 to 230 lbs. at 6 months. The heifer calves are put on a full feed of clover hay and corn, and marketed in the spring. His steer calves are wintered on roughage and a small amount of grain. After low cost gains on good pasture the following spring, they are fed corn on pasture beginning in July or August and marketed in the fall weighing around 1,000 lbs.

This productive 220-acre farm reflects hard work and a sound plan that started with the soil. Besides feeding the soil and livestock, this family finds time to take an active part in church activities and farm organization work. The Schindlers, their good farm, and their modern home help make their community a better place in which to live.



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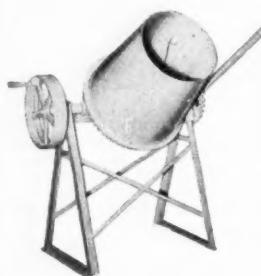
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ALAMO IRON WORKS

Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By Sheep and Goat Raiser Chicago Bureau

THE FIRST half of March saw generally aggressive live markets in all species, but come April and things are likely to be different. By that time, and later, supply and demand will have ceased to operate. At least fat cattle and hogs will have become pretty thoroughly regimented.

For compulsory federal grading of beef, veal, lamb and mutton is to be imposed March 26. About the same time, and as a corollary to the above proposition, ceilings are due on live steers, heifers and hogs. So far as is known the wool factor has made a ceiling on lambs too hot a potato to handle. However, the sharp pencil boys in Washington might get hold of a pair of so highly insulated gloves that they would feel like tackling full wool pelts and lesser shearlings. Live stock men will have to read considerable in the papers by the time this shows up in print.

What they will likely read is that the ceiling on prime steers is anywhere from \$36.50 to \$40.00. As the recent top at Chicago is \$42.50, this means a considerable rollback, not only for fat cattle coming up but for long yearlings and meaty, heavy feeders recently put in at \$30.00 to \$37.00 and better. Over a good many weeks now all grades of steers and yearlings combined have been averaging \$34.50 to \$35.15 at Chicago. Stocker and feeder cattle at the five big markets, at country sales and on the ranges have been averaging better than \$33.00. So if the federal ceiling on prime kinds turns out to be around \$36.50, instead of \$40.00, finishers won't have much of a feeding margin. Even at \$38.00 there wouldn't be any too much gravy.

This particular ceiling may become disappointment number one, but there are others. For the plan is to have a ceiling on each grade, on prime, choice, good, etc., etc. This fits in with compulsory grading of all beef and hence sews things up so thoroughly that the final result denotes lessened production if not a widespread set of black markets meanwhile. Since late January live stock reporters employed by the government have been describing the markets by a new system of grade terms which amounts to the old grades having been boosted and a new grade, commercial, built out of the lower half of the old medium grade and the upper half of the old common grade. Dressed meat graders stamp accordingly now when asked to grade. After March 26, however, it will become compulsory to have everything graded. At mid-March the top on prime steers at Chicago was quoted at \$42.50; on choice \$39.75; on good \$35.25 and on commercial \$33.25. When and if live ceilings are tied around the industry's neck the

top price would become the outside on prime while all other grades mentioned above, and including the utility grade, which as this is written stands at \$30.50, would have to be sealed down accordingly.

And if the above isn't enough of a mess include heifers, cows and other classes. Likewise include veal, and lambs, if not mutton although the plan is thought to embrace mutton. In meat grading plenty of attention on the part of federal graders, some patently without too much experience, will center on yearling ewes and wethers, twos and older kinds. The teeth of various ovine classes are on display in various federal meat grading offices not only to show some graders that this class of farm animal actually has teeth, at least until an advanced age, but how teeth change each year until mouths become so broken that no one knows or cares about the exact age. Inquiry along this line has divulged that yearlings, for instance, will be graded not only according to their teeth but by carcass characteristics. This is going to make it tough to sell lambweight yearlings at a premium as has long been the practice, but may sharply interfere with other trade customs evolved over the years; and may, because of "characteristics" work hardships on heavy lambs whose teeth are just starting to break up.

In short, buyers may find themselves pretty well hog tied. So-called legitimate "cheater" sales of sheep over a year old, wethers as well as ewes, may become much more straight laced but actually not as meritorious. Already this has led the trade at northern markets to warn prospective buyers of southwest yearlings and old crop lambs destined to be yearlings after having been run up north, to watch their step. Do not be surprised, therefore if replacement prices, now at record bloom, decline after there is a general understanding of the wide spread scope of federal grading now in the immediate offing. In such a complicated program there can and no doubt will be many intricacies, few or none of which can readily turn out very favorable to graziers and finishers. Everyone can readily think of dozens weight and grade-by-grade upsets that would cost someone some money.

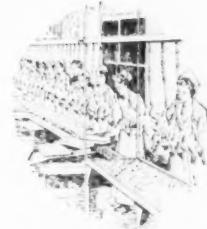
During the war emergency sheep and lambs have the advantage of wool on which there is no ceiling when destined to the military. What will happen when and if wool stockpiling is completed no one can tell. Fed lambs have become so acutely scarce that top woolskins have been uncovering a record every market day for weeks, with a \$42.00 all-time top likely to topple long before these lines (Continued on page 54)

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It is probable that even to agricultural producers themselves the growth of poultry raising in the United States is news. News worth our reporting and your reading.

Last year America's poultry farmers produced one and three-quarter billion pounds of broilers. With turkeys and other poultry added on, 1950's production of poultry meat equalled half of our beef production.

Not many years ago broilers were the cockerel half of replacement chickens for the laying flock . . . sold for meat. Quality varied greatly. Some were light, some heavy; some young, some old; some tender, some tough. Supply was seasonal, and consumer demand feeble.

But today, broiler raising is a fast-growing, mechanized, mass-production industry with an established mass market. And a mighty efficient industry, too. Special broiler strains have been developed—plump, meaty birds that grow into 3-pound broilers in 10 to 12 weeks—and make a pound of chicken meat from 3 pounds of feed or less. In a modern broiler house, one man can handle up to 30,000 broilers, up to four times a year. Thus, one man can turn out as much as a half-million pounds of meat in one year.

Starting on the East Coast's Del-Mar-Va (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia) peninsula, broiler growing has spread all over the nation—to New England, the South—to the Midwest, the Southwest, Pacific Coast. It's still growing lustily. So long as Mrs. Consumer says, "More chicken, please," it will continue to grow—as long, also, as ingenious, self-reliant American producers see the possibility of profitable food production via broilers, even in marginal areas—of sharing in a business which last year accounted for four hundred and fifty million dollars of our nation's farm income.

Martha Logan's Recipe for

HUNGARIAN CHICKEN

1 chicken, cut up for frying
 ½ cup butter or shortening
 Salt
 Pepper

Hot cooked noodles or rice

3 medium onions, diced
 1 teaspoon paprika
 ½ cup water
 1 cup cream

Rinse chicken pieces in cold water and dry. Melt butter in heavy skillet; season chicken pieces and brown on both sides. Remove from skillet. Add onions to skillet and fry slowly until tender. Return browned chicken pieces (skin side up) to skillet and sprinkle with paprika. Add water and cover. Cook slowly for 30 to 40 minutes or until tender. Remove chicken pieces to platter. Add the cream to skillet mixture. Stir and heat thoroughly. Serve with cooked noodles or rice.

OUR CITY COUSIN

When Biddy is broody,
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 on a visit last week.



Production vs. Price Controls



Chemical Control of Brush on Rangeland

by Robert M. Salter
 U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
 Beltsville, Maryland



Robert M. Salter

Meat price controls are aimed at helping to curb inflation. We can all sincerely hope that they will succeed in this. Swift & Company will abide by these controls.

On the other hand, I think there's a better way of doing our part in controlling inflation. I refer to the program worked out together by farm and ranch organizations, various meat packers, and others. This broad plan was presented to the government. It aims directly at curing the cause of inflation—too much money bidding for too little produce. Here's what our livestock meat industry proposed:

First, encourage an increased supply of meat. What we need is more livestock, not less. Do everything possible to induce ranchers and farmers to raise more and better meat animals. Encourage them, also, to produce more feed and to use it efficiently. Reduce livestock death and injury losses. All those things can be done. They all mean more meat.

Second, take steps so there won't be so many inflated dollars around bidding up prices. That, too, can be done. By pay-as-we-go taxation. By cutting down on too-easy credit. By encouraging savings. By holding down the expansion of the supply of money. And by strict economy—in government, business and individual spending. All those are strong checks against inflation.

The results would be certain. More meat, fairly distributed. The efficiency of maximum production—which we need. No loss of precious medicines and other by-products. Normal, aboveboard business instead of black market graft and waste. And a safe and sound economy for our nation both during and after this emergency. I would like to know what you think.

E.M. Simpson,
 Agricultural Research
 Department

Chemical control of brush and noxious weeds can increase livestock carrying capacity by 50 to 75 percent. This has been proved in tests conducted by the U. S. Southern Great Plains Field Station at Woodward, Oklahoma. Research workers and co-operating ranchers used planes to spray several hundred thousand acres of sagebrush. They applied low concentrations of the chemical 2,4-D to the sage when it was in vigorous growth in the late spring. The cost ran about \$2.50 an acre and the results were effective.

Mesquite, one of the most spectacular range brush pests, does not appear to be affected by 2,4-D. However, studies at Spur, Texas, indicate that another new chemical—2,4,5-T—may be used effectively on mesquite and other brushy pests. Extensive field tests are needed to determine the proper treatments and whether they are practical from an economic standpoint.

Getting rid of the brush and weeds is only a part of the research story on range improvement. A second part, equally important, is the creation of improved varieties of grasses and legumes for seeding the cleaned land.

Forage breeders are now focusing attention on species that will supplement native grasses, extend the grazing season, persist through weather hazards, yield high quality feeds, and then produce larger amounts of viable seed than the present commonly grown varieties. Many of these are now in the development stage. Some of them will be available to farmers and ranchers in the next few years.

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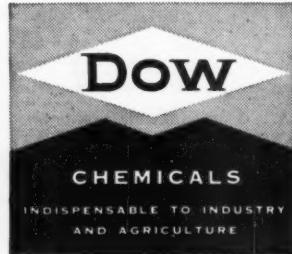
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A Soil Conserving Lease Agreement

FUNDAMENTALLY, the heart of this discussion—the objective of any plans laid, and the reason for study of the lease problem is the conservation of land resources and the enhancement of land values plus constructive, proper utilization.

The first phase of this study brings up a contradiction and it is in many instances emphatically insurmountable. The contradiction lies in the fact that proper utilization of soil resources available and satisfactory returns to land user and land owner is not always possible. This may be doubly true when the land is used in a manner that will increase its potential from year to year.

The problem of contradictory interest—that is proper land use and increasing the land's potential versus the interests of land owner and operator, must be studied, reconciled, mollified or abandoned according to the individual situation.

There are numerous factors creating a possible impasse some of which are outlined here.

FIRST:

Inflated land values. These inflated land values which have existed for a decade or so in this area can be analysed in two ways—land purchased at a high dollar price per acre and land owned which has decreased or deflated in usefulness. In either case, these inflated land values measured in dollars and cents per acre makes it difficult if not impossible for the owner of the land to realize a satisfactory return on his investment if that investment is determined to be today's market price.

For instance, if an oil man invests \$100 in an acre of land and expects to lease that land to a livestock operator to bring him a 5 per cent annual return on his investment then his lease price to the operator probably would be inordinately high. Even a 1 per cent annual return on the money invested might be excessive. Nevertheless, cold blooded business dictates such terms and innumerable leases have been made with this in the mind of the land owner.

To make a soil conserving lease contract between a land owner and a land operator with a satisfactory return on money invested at the present market is well nigh impossible. A contract based on an inflated investment would probably create an impossible situation for the lessee and narrows to the vanishing point his opportunity to constructively utilize the land.

The first and perhaps the most important requisite for the preparation of the type of lease we are searching for—the soil conserving lease—is to abandon the "business man" idea of adequate return on money invested in land under present day inflated prices and present day deflated land usefulness. Of course, in some instances,

such returns may be possible but, if so, it will be a rarity.

This brings us to the SECOND road block or situation which can and many times does exist which makes it difficult to construct a conservation land lease.

Ignorance. A healthy, heartening number of new land owners have shown remarkable insight into the soil conservation problem and many have taken the lead in constructive measures to preserve and create land resources. However, the absentee land owner is especially culpable through ignorance and indifference to the land he owns and allows it to deteriorate through misuse. The desire for good money return from his investment is not always the contributing factor to the misuse of such an owner's holdings. Thousands of acres of ranchland in this area contribute little or nothing to the economic well-being of this country. Few and perhaps no livestock are grown on many of them to make jobs for the ranch operator and his hands and the thousands of others who process and distribute the products of the ranch. While no lease agreement is involved between owner and operator in such a situation it is deplorable because the land may be harmed from no use as well as misuse and, more important to the lease situation we are studying, is the obvious fact that such practice tightens the already short supply of land available for lease.

Another angle—and there are so many that to discuss all of them would be impossible—is the ignorance of the absentee land owner of the actual value or productivity of his holding. This makes it difficult if not impossible for us to foresee the consummation of a soil conserving lease agreement with the lessee, unless the lessee is conservation minded or outside influences enter the picture.

The THIRD phase or situation which many times exists to make it difficult to construct a conservation land lease is the economic status of the lessee. You note that no mention



"When are you getting your glasses fixed, Mrs. Murdock? It takes up a lot of my time reading you the paper every day."

has been made of the ignorance of the lessee or land user. This is important, of course, as is all the related factors which contribute to the land operator's status as a worker, such as carelessness, thriftiness, honesty and all those qualities of character. If some of these qualifications are not taken into consideration when the land owner leases his property then subsequent misuse of his land must naturally be laid to the ignorance or indifference of the owner. Primary responsibility for land care must rest with the land owner.

With this deviating reference we return to the financial status of the lessee. An underfinanced lessee is quite likely to take every advantage of the land in a situation where an ordinary "so much per acre per year" lease is involved. Even the well-financed operator is known to do this.

The stringent, inflexible short-term money lease which has been popular throughout the range area since the inception of the livestock industry and which is now the established method of renting range land is one of the most important contributing factors adversely affecting proper land usage. In the time of economic stress such as drouth or low livestock prices the common lease is especially hard on the underfinanced lessee. He is usually economically unable to practice soil conserving methods and in distress chooses to protect himself by overusing the grass resources. He does this because he knows that usually in lush times of good pastures and high livestock prices the land owner at the first opportunity will raise his money lease.

A primary contributing factor for the marked decrease in the grass resources throughout the range area is the ignorance on the part of the land owner of the productive capacity of his land, his greediness or thoughtlessness in insisting on the common money-lease method of selling the use of his land, and his refusal or neglect to assume equal responsibility with the land operator in formulating a lease agreement which will be flexible enough to cope with the seasons, with the fluctuating markets and with the demands of sensible land usage.

The challenge is primarily that of the land owner. The common "money-lease" is outmoded from a standpoint of equity and from the standpoint of grass and soil conservation and improvement.

Where Are We To Go From Here?

There are so many factors involved in the construction of an equitable, flexible, soil conserving lease that I could not mention all of them. Even those which are mentioned may not be applicable in many situations. Little more can be hoped for other than the creation of interest on the part of those who love the land, and desire to see that a thorn be removed from its side as painlessly as possible and as quickly as advisable.

In analysing a lease formulation, consideration must be given to land location, type, actual and potential grazing capacity, improvements, quality and character of range, a determination of the amount and type of development which is to be done to improve the value of the capital investment and many other factors.

One veteran ranchman in thinking over the lease situation recalled that ranch operation is distinctly different today from that of the past. This, he declared, makes it even more important that a flexible lease agreement be carefully constructed — important to the land, to the lessee and to the land owner, especially where indebtedness is involved.

Many ranchmen, he remarked, no more than 60 years old have been flat broke two or three times in their life and are perhaps now in good financial condition having made a comeback

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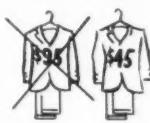
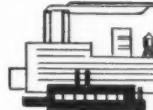
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each time. This is no longer probable. In these days of high taxes comebacks do not happen often and extreme caution is necessary. In one era it was quite normal for a West Texas ranchman to expect hard times or even bankruptcy about every ten years usually from drouth and low prices coming at the same time. No one can afford to go broke today.

This old time ranchman suggested that the best possible method of formulating a fair lease agreement was upon the basis of a per cent of the net yearly profit, say 10 or 20 per cent. Upon this scheme is predicated a number of requirements which may not be possible or acceptable to many, however, the suggestion is worth consideration. It definitely ties in the land owner with the assumption of some management responsibility, which is a good thing. Under this plan the land owner must be cautious and astute in the selection of his lessee because the success of his operations determines the amount of revenue for both. The land owner is forced to watch operations and analyse results. He shares in the cost of soil conservation practices and is more likely to accept improvement expenses designed to increase net profits. Under an agreement of this type where land owner and lessee are congenial the results are likely to be most profitable to all concerned and the land is likely to improve in productivity.

It is an impossible type of lease agreement to the trot-line lessee, that is to a man who is leasing several ranches. His inter-change of livestock from one ranch to another, general use of equipment, feed, etc. would create an impossible bookkeeping task.

Another method of leasing land has been in use by some owners and operators with the fee for land use determined by a per cent of the net wool price for the rental year. For instance, in an agreed number of sheep per section, say 100 head shearing 800 pounds of wool marketed for \$1 per pound or \$800, the owner of the land receives 20 or 25 per cent of the wool money for the use of his land. This would bring the owner \$160 per section or 32 or 40 cents per acre. However, a change from fine wool sheep to mutton-type sheep would immediately change the whole picture. There are many deviations and additions which might and probably are made under this plan but those who are using the plan apparently have found it successful. One advantage is that it is simple and few items in such an agreement are likely to become controversial which is a most important factor in the construction of any lease agreement.

The soil conservation factors to be added would necessitate study and probably outside assistance. This statement that outside assistance probably would be needed can be said about any of the many lease agreements which can be made if such agreements are to include provisions

to protect the soil, the grass and other of nature's resources, to utilize them wisely, and increase their usefulness.

Herein lies a challenge for the soil technician, the conservation service men, the county agents and especially for the soil conservation district supervisors most of whom have more than a casual knowledge of the seriousness of the conservation problems.

Education is the key to proper, efficient land use. The ranchman himself is the best teacher for another ranchman and all his resources, which include the assistance of soil technicians and other professional men in the field, should be directed immediately toward comprehensive education of his fellow ranchmen.

Comprehension of need will make easy the formulation of the true soil conservation lease agreement.

Tom Booker of the Soil Conservation Service has made quite a study of this lease problem and has devolved a plan which has considerable merit and should be successful provided it is not too involved for those participating. This was the criticism given it by a widely-known and experienced banker but then again actually the criticism should be directed to the participating parties and not to the contractor or agreement.

BASIS FOR PREPARING A RANGE LEASE AGREEMENT TO PROTECT LESSEE AND LESSOR AND THE LAND

1. Establish average gross returns per animal unit from sheep, goats and cattle.
2. Determine carrying capacity of rangeland involved. The stocking rate should allow improvement of the range in a normal year.
3. Use one-fifth of average returns times carrying capacity of rangeland to be leased as base for lease.
4. Increase the per acre base lease price five cents per acre for each acre less than 20 required to carry an animal unit.
5. Decrease the base lease one cent per acre for each acre over 20 required to carry an animal unit.

DISCUSSION ON ABOVE

1. Average gross returns for sheep, goats, and cattle.
The figure should be arrived at by adding gross returns from one animal unit and should include beef, wool, mutton, kids, and mohair. The figure could be arrived at by allowing a weight to each class of stock comparable to the ratio that class of stock has in this District. This method would be more accurate, but it would in some cases be less fair to all concerned. Since this is intended only as a guide or base, both methods should be considered.

2. Carrying capacity of land.
This guide is intended to protect the land, lessor and lessee. To protect the land, the carrying capacity should be conservative. This should insure improvement in a normal year. Many things such as deforestation and even distribution of grazing are normally considered to be important to range improvement. This sort of thing could not feasibly be involved in a lease agreement. These facts make it more necessary that the stocking rate be conservative.

3. Self-explanatory.

4. It is assumed that a good range is more profitable than a poorer one. If such is

true the lessee and lessor should profit and that is the reason for five cents per acre more lease for each acre less than 20 required to carry one animal unit. Twenty acres was chosen because it represents the average acreage required to carry an animal unit in the District and allows improvement. This figure probably more closely represents conditions on the Divide than other parts of the District. The five cents is the owner's part of the improvement the lessee's profit would come as increased production per acre, thus requiring that he look after less country than the same number of stock. More assurance of feed in a dry year, etc.

5. Decrease lease one cent per acre for each acre more than 20 required to carry an animal unit.

The purpose of this is to penalize owners of poorer rangeland. It will emphasize the fact that the poorer the range the less will be the returns from such land.

GENERAL

There are other things that will come up and should be considered in a lease agreement.

1. Hunting rights — Hunting leases are becoming more or less standard and lease prices in many cases are consistent. Where this is the case the lessor could pay the lessor about 25% of the lease value.
2. Location — If the location is unusually favorable to the lessee, there should be an amount added to the lease price. If the place is in an unfavorable location, the lease price should be reduced accordingly.
3. Improvements — Allowances should be made as in two above for variations in improvements.
4. Cropland — A dollar value should be agreed on by the lessee and lessor for cropland. The things mentioned above should be considered as separate items so that the lessee and lessor will understand the importance or weight of the different items.

SAMPLE LEASE

1,000 ACRES RANGELAND

1. Recommended stocking rate to allow improvement of the range in a normal year.
2. Average gross returns per animal unit.
3. Base lease price per acre.
4. Increases because of better than average range.
5. Total lease price per acre rangeland.
6. Total lease for rangeland.
7. Deer lease (25% of 50c per acre value).
8. Location average.
9. Improvement average.

Lessee agrees to stock according to the recommended rate.

A plan of lease agreement between the Government of the Province of Alberta and the ranchman has been explained to me by J. A. Campbell. Some of the features of Mr. Booker's agreement are recognizable. The plan while it may not be practicable in this area is certainly interesting and may lend itself to revision and be adaptable.

Prior to 1930, the rental rates on grazing lands within the province varied from two to ten cents per acre. Lessees were required to graze a minimum number of stock in their leases. Returns showing numbers grazed were submitted yearly and action was taken in cases of serious overgrazing.

During the drouth years of the thirties, the toll exacted as a result of a limited growth of grass associated with low prices for cattle seriously affected the ranchers' financial position. An accumulation of arrears in rental and taxes was the inevitable result. In 1934 an attempt was made to relieve the burden by varying rentals on a soil classification basis. However, for a number of reasons, including the fact that climate as well as soil is a factor in productivity, it seemed impossible to get the scheme in operation on a practical basis.

At a meeting in 1940 a committee of ranchmen appointed for the purpose of studying the problems of ranchmen faced with fixed rental, reduced pasture as a result of drouth and low prices of beef recommended a method of arriving at rental rates that would tend to solve this problem. It was proposed that grazing rentals, should be a variable amount determined annually on the basis of esti-

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mated income from the sale of live stock in the previous year. Further, the opinion was expressed that 10 per cent of the rancher's income from the live stock produced might be considered a fair rental for the grass consumed.

"A simple formula was proposed by which the amount due annually on any particular range might be easily determined. It was as follows: One-tenth the estimated annual rate of gain on cattle in pounds of beef per head (250 divided by 10), multiplied by the average price of all classes of cattle, excepting fed calves, on the Calgary market from July 1 to December 31 in the preceding year; divided by the number of acres required to carry a mature head of cattle on the range for 12 months.

"For example, with the price of cattle at 10.15 cents per pound (the 1946 figure), the rental rate in 1947 in the area that will carry one head to 32 acres would be $250 \times 10.15 = 8$ cents per acre. 10×32

"Similarly, if the carrying capacity is one head to 50 acres, the computation would be $250 \times 10.15 = 5$ cents per acre. 10×50

"The government accepted the report of the committee. Before introducing the recommended system of determining annual rentals, however, it was necessary to establish the grazing capacities of the land under lease. This was done in 1944. Four principal grassland zones were established; namely, zones that will carry one head of cattle for each 24, 32, 40 and 50 acres respectively. These zones were based upon studies carried on by

the Experiment Station officials and range experiments and from information secured from the ranchmen in the respective zones. In all cases, 12 months of actual grazing or its equivalent, is indicated. Two head may be grazed for 6 months, in place of one head for 12 months.

"To protect the rancher against feed shortage in a dry year, a 45% carry-over of grass is allowed in setting up carrying capacities.

"Moreover, the capacity of any ranch to carry live stock may be specifically determined or adjusted at any time, either on initiative of the Department or on application of the lessee.

"Lessees are required to file an affidavit annually declaring the number of livestock their ranges carry."

The recommendation of the Committee was put into effect as from January 1, 1954. As a result revenues from grazing lands have increased sharply. This, however, has been due to the rise in the value of cattle marketed and, it is expected, will level out in time. There have been relatively few requests for adjustment in carrying capacity. These have all been dealt with by the Grazing Appraiser to the satisfaction of parties concerned. Hence, the appeal board, has not been called upon to decide a single case.

Introduced for a five year period, the scheme is now operating in its sixth year. It seems to have given satisfaction and, in all probability, will be continued after expiration of the original five year term.

The above formula for arriving at an equitable lease price per acre can be adapted for use in any particular area by reconciling conditions and substituting local prices and other factors.

For instance, it is assumed that 250

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pounds is a satisfactory annual gain and more or less usual, perhaps average for most areas of West Texas as in the Province of Alberta. Nevertheless, this could be changed to 300 pounds or even 200 if thought feasible.

The annual production of pounds of beef per head being 250 pounds and, according to the formula, multiplied by the average price of beef on the agreed market brings us to this point: Average price of beef could be an agreed upon figure taken to be the average range price or the average price at an agreed central market. Note that these figures are above the division line. Now to go below.

In the formula we are discussing, ten per cent of annual income is taken as being a fair rental for the ranch owner's land. Thus, those figures immediately preceding which are 250 times 25 cents divided by 10 times 10. The last ten is the number of acres required to carry a beef for one year. Now, in adjusting these figures to local conditions this figure might be changed either lower or higher. Nevertheless, the formula would be influenced only in so far as the answer which is the price per acre due to the land owner for the use of his land.

Added to this above figure might be some assets for which the land owner should be paid and for which obviously the land user or lessee would be willing to pay. For instance, in as much as certain areas of ranch land in Texas bring in substantial income from the sale of hunting and fishing leases, an agreed 25% to 50% might be added to ranch owner's income from his land from these hunting and fishing rights.

Unusual facilities, better than normal location might serve to furnish an agreed addition to the ranch owner's income. The basic method of arriving at this income, however, is the formula which has been outlined.

Again we repeat, the challenge is to the land owner to preserve the land entrusted to him. There is also a challenge to the land user to whom the trust is delegated. Ways to meet this challenge may be somewhat obscure and obstacles may be many and large, but the challenge must be met.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is a summation of a discussion of a soil conservation lease agreement given before the Hill Country Soil Conservation District Supervisors at Fredericksburg, Texas, March 2. We will welcome any suggestions as to better lease agreements.

L. A. Malechek, Vancourt, recently purchased the Jack Emery ranch of 1,098 acres at \$100,000.00. The ranch, located in the south part of Edwards County, 2½ miles south of Barksdale. The deal was made by H. C. Gaither, San Angelo realtor.

In mid-February, Gaines Shults of Abilene contracted 1,200 yearling ewes from the San Saba area at \$23 to \$25 a head. Ewes will be delivered out of the shearing pens in May.

Shults sold the mutton lambs off his Maryneal ranch at 28 cents a pound for delivery April 21 out of the shearing pens. Purchaser was Floyd McComas of Abilene.



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By Fred Bailey and Jay Richter

U. S. Price Boss DiSalle, the tubby man from Toledo, O., is heading into a mess of trouble in Washington. He has decided to buck the powerful farm bloc head on.

That came clear recently when he placed ceiling prices over raw cotton. Not even the wartime OPA had the nerve to tangle with the cotton boys from the deep South whose voice has been law on Capitol Hill for 20 years and more.

The cotton ceilings are a guide to future actions of the Office of Price Stabilization under DiSalle. His decision to put them on means he's staking his job on additional ceilings over prices — at the farm.

Price ceilings over cattle and other livestock are probably next, if they haven't already been announced when this reaches print. However, Washington betting is that they are to be placed at approximately present market levels, with only a token rollback, if any.

Livestock experts here have been giving some informal instruction to Price officials who aren't too wise in the way of livestock production. Result is that most of them are now convinced livestock men need considerable incentive to keep on producing under current conditions.

Fear of black markets also is slowing up the more enthusiastic advocate of big rollbacks. Reasonable profits are recognized as a powerful deterrent to black marketeering.

Aim of the Washington controllers out to "guide" livestock slaughter is to get their enforcement machinery into full operation by April 1.

What they would like to do is freeze slaughter on the 1950 pattern.

Farm slaughterers are not affected by the new regulations . . . unless they slaughter for sale more than \$200 worth of meat per month. That lets most of them out.

Big test of the country's Defense Mobilization boss, Charles Wilson, is now taking shape. Both farmer and labor criticism of his actions has reached a high pitch.

Farm leaders, like the labor leaders, think they are getting the dirty end of the stick in efforts to slow inflation and stabilize the economy. Both agriculture and labor probably are going to have to make some concessions, unless Truman tosses Wilson out of his job.

Latest attacks on Wilson and Co. from the farm bloc comes by way of a House Agriculture committee probe. The investigation is to cover shortages, price spreads, production problems and speculation in commodities.

The committee, already voted authority to proceed, wants \$75,000 for its study.

Already a subcommittee has severe

ly criticized the controllers for ignoring agriculture's needs for scarce materials. Priorities, the lawmakers charge, "completely disregard the requirements of agriculture and may very quickly create a situation where availability of materials for agricultural purposes will be reduced to zero."

The full House Agriculture committee, which endorsed unanimously the subcommittee report, said the USDA has not been consulted in the allocation of chemicals.

Nitrogen, phosphate, and sulphur are all probably short of amounts that U. S. producers could use.

Agriculture should be recognized as "an essential defense industry," the lawmakers declared, and ought to be given a leading role in fashioning of defense policy.

In response to farm criticism, Wilson is expected to appoint an agricultural advisory committee of five men. Four probably would be representatives of the major farm organizations, including the National Grange Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, and Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Wilson also may appoint a personal agricultural assistant.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan has taken steps aimed at tightening up the USDA defense setup, in answer to farm criticism that he hasn't represented agriculture in Washington as vigorously as he might.

Although the Department has little real authority in control decisions, its advice and counsel can be persuasive. Brannan has moved defense units of USDA from the Production and Marketing Administration to the front office, where he can ride herd on their activities.

Labor leaders, who walked out on Defense Boss Wilson, are asking a high price for their cooperation. In effect, they are asking Wilson to give up much of the power he now has.

The labor men ask that mobilization be run by a board which would (Continued on page 47)

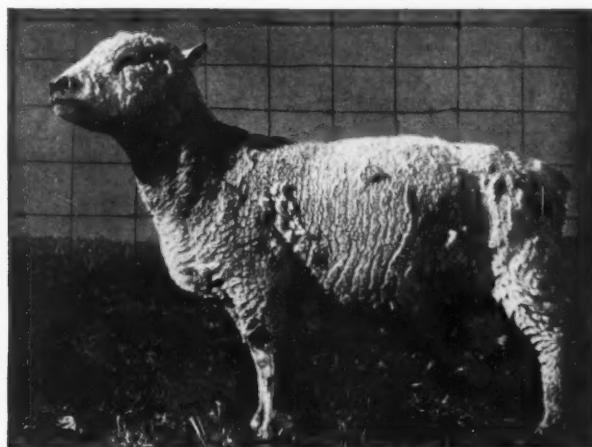


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Chemical Control Of Mesquite

By A. H. Walker

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Kinds of Treatment

KEROSENE HAS been the most widely used chemical for mesquite control in recent years. For most effective results it should be applied around the base of the tree in sufficient quantity to penetrate the underground buds on the root. This may take a third of a gallon of oil or more for big trees. Kerosene works best on sandy or gravelly soils. On bottomland or heavy clay soils the amount of oil required is excessive and kills may be poor. Kerosene treatment can still be recommended as probably the cheapest method of control for mesquite on porous open soils where the trees are large and vary from 70-100 trees per acre.

Sodium arsenite will kill mesquite but it is poisonous to both man and animals.

Mechanical treatments using root cutters, chains, and root plows give some immediate relief but are usually expensive. Often the grass turf is torn up and sometimes infestation from broken off trees soon becomes worse than before.

2,4-D. Experimental results so far show that none of the forms of 2,4-D are effective for mesquite control.

2,4,5-T. Work at the Spur Experiment Station and off station ranch trials and test demonstrations over the state in the past two years show that 2,4,5-T has definite possibilities for mesquite control. 2,4,5-T is non-poisonous to man and livestock and will not kill grass at the rate given for controlling mesquite. Aerial application gives the cheapest form of control where adapted.

Methods of Application

Aerial:

1. The low volatile ester of 2,4,5-T (2-3 to 3-4 lb. acid per acre) applied in an emulsion of one gallon No. 2 diesel oil and three gallons of water has given the most effective control.

2. The proper time for application is six to 12 weeks (40-90 days) after the leaves first appear in the spring. The chemical should not be applied when wind velocities exceed 12 miles per hour due to the danger of drift.

3. Best kills are obtained with good soil moisture and lush growth of mesquite. If drought prevails, do not spray — results will likely be disappointing.

4. This chemical is hazardous to broad-leaved plants, such as cotton, vegetables and citrus trees. It should not be used when there is danger of drift to susceptible plants.

5. Experienced operators with equipment adapted to applying the chemical in coarse droplets at tree-top height should be employed. The equipment must be licensed and ap-



Sprout buds on the underground stem of mesquite. These buds occur 4 to 12 inches below ground level and must be destroyed to prevent sprouting.

proved by the State Department of Agriculture.

6. At the given concentration and rate, this chemical is effective on many species of range weeds as well as mesquite, but it is not effective on other brush species such as black-brush, whitebrush, granjeno, cedar and oak. In an area of mixed brush, it is questionable if removing one species is a good policy.

7. Control of mesquite rather than eradication will result from this method. Proper stocking and deferred grazing following treatment will lengthen the control period. Livestock prefer sprayed areas and may overgraze them. Rest the treated area during the growing season to give the grasses a chance to reseed and prevent overgrazing. Increased carrying capacity may be expected after the first year. Another spraying may be needed in five to ten years to control the sprouts and new seedlings depending largely on management following. Small many-stemmed brush three to five feet high is more easily killed. Good control of large trees can be secured under favorable conditions.

Ground: 2,4,5-T can be applied to individual mesquite trees with fairly effective results. This method could be used by an operator who had a small acreage to treat, close to susceptible crops or around fields, water lots or corrals. It should not be used within one mile of broad-leaved plants during the growing season. Mix one gallon or four pounds of 2,4,5-T ester in 40 gallons of diesel oil or kerosene. A three to five gallon knapsack spray-

er can be used for individual tree treatment.

1. **Cut surface.** Most effective results can be secured by cutting off the trees and applying the above mixture to the cut-off stubs and stumps until runoff occurs. A gallon of the mixture should treat 40-50 average size trees at a cost of about three-fourths cent per tree for material alone.

2. **Trunk treatment.** Reasonably effective results can be secured by thoroughly spraying all the way around the mesquite trunks from ground level up to 18 inches high. If one side of the trunk is missed, it will probably sprout on that side. A gallon of the mixture should treat 20-30 average size mesquite trees at a cost of one and one-half cents each for material alone. More chemical is required with this method but the labor of cutting the trees is saved.

Both cut-surface and trunk treatments can be done at any season of the year, but spring and summer look best. Either of these methods give control of mesquite for one-third to one-half of the cost of kerosene treatment. Sprayers are preferred over pouring of the mixture because too much would be wasted. High pressure is not desired — coarse droplets are preferred. Low volatile esters of 2,4,5-T should be used to reduce hazards to susceptible crops.

3. **Foliation application** with hand sprayers and cattle sprayers look promising for small areas. Leaves and stems should be thoroughly covered with the spray solution. The chemical should be applied in the active growth stage in the spring under favorable moisture conditions. Mix one gallon low volatile ester of 2,4,5-T in 200 gallons of water and spray so as to thoroughly wet the foliage. This kind of treatment can best be used on small areas not adapted for aerial application and on mesquite brush or sprouts up to five feet high.

Control of other species of brush with 2,4,5-T alone and in combination with 2,4-D at higher concentrations than those given for mesquite seem probable. Experimental tests and trial demonstrations are underway by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station on nine other species but specific recommendations for general use need more research and are not yet available.

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WOOL--THE GOOD GOOSE

AN INTERESTING sidelight on the current wool situation is seen in the fact that a serious shortage is developing in the world's supply of mutton, particularly where it affects Britain. It seems that skyrocketing wool prices have all but brought butchering of sheep to a standstill in Australia. Ranchmen are refusing to kill the goose that lays the golden egg — wool.

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Tommy Winters of Evant sold to Harvey Martin of San Angelo, 1,500 blackface yearling ewes. Price was \$31 a head out of the shearing pens. Delivery is set for May.

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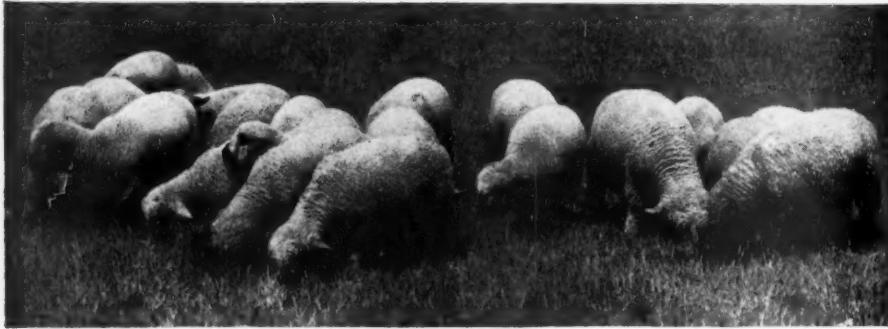
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External Parasites of Domestic Livestock

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A PARASITE has been defined as a plant or animal living in, on or with another living organism, at whose expense it maintains itself while usually not immediately destroying its host. The host-parasite relationship provides man with his most basic contest in the struggle for survival. Not only do some parasites attack him personally, but they also attack livestock upon which he is dependent for food and clothing. The present discussion will deal with the external parasites, those that attack the surface of the body. Their numbers are vast and the damage they cause is great. Losses from this type of parasitism are insidious. They are hidden losses in that direct death loss is negligible, but the loss when measured in terms of production of meat, milk and by-products is tremendous. This annual loss has been estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000. Low mortality is in keeping with the biology of parasitism in that if the parasite destroys its benefactor it will also perish unless another appropriate host is readily available.

External parasites are classified into 2 categories: (1) permanent parasites, those living constantly on the host; and (2) periodic parasites, those attacking the host solely for temporary feeding purposes.

Mites

In the first group are the mites that cause mange. This is one of the most damaging conditions affecting the skin of all species of livestock. It is particularly important in sheep-raising, where the condition is called scabies or sheep scab. Since one of the chief sources of income from sheep-raising is wool, damage to the skin of sheep is likely to be costly. When mange mites attack the skin of sheep, wool is destroyed. The control of scabies in sheep is under the jurisdiction of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, cooperating with the state involved. Certification of freedom from scabies is mandatory for interstate movement of sheep. Areas where the condition exists are subject to quarantine, and dipping is conducted under official inspection. Economically the condition is also important in cattle, where it damages hides and interferes with normal gains. In large-scale control, a lime-sulfur dip is commonly used. In individual animals, such as the dog, cat or horse, local treatment may be applied in some form of lime sulfur or sulfur-containing products, nicotine or benzyl benzoate in alcohol.

Lice

Lice also are parasites that pass their entire life cycle on the animal. They interfere with growth and development by biting and sucking blood.

Affected animals, as a result of the irritation, spend much time trying to alleviate the irritation with the result that they become thin and unthrifty. Lice are also extremely important in that in transferring from one animal to another by contact, they may transmit a disease from the former to the latter through blood-sucking. Lice may be controlled by dipping, dusting or spraying, depending on the extent of the operation. DDT or other residual materials are effective in removing lice.

Ticks

Ticks are large mites and are adapted exclusively to blood-sucking in obtaining nourishment from mammals and birds. Some types are temporary parasites, attacking the host only for a blood meal, while others live continuously on the host. Ticks are important economically in that they are capable of transmitting disease from one animal to another. Ticks cannot be discussed without referring to fight to eliminate "cattle tick fever" from the United States, which culminated in an outstanding discovery in medical science. A cattle fever of unknown cause was costing the industry an annual loss of \$40,000,000. Toward the end of the last century, an investigation of the condition by Theobald Smith and Fred L. Kilborne revealed that it was necessary for a certain tick to be present in order to transmit the disease to healthy cattle. The tick would attack an infected animal, have a blood meal, drop to the ground and deposit eggs from which seed ticks hatched. The cause of cattle fever is an organism that resembles the parasite that causes malaria in man. It was found that it was transmitted to the next generation of ticks and they, in turn, would attack cattle for their blood meal and thus spread the disease. Based on this information, the Bureau of Animal Industry initiated an intensive tick eradication program, with the result that this particular tick fever is no longer a serious problem to livestock raisers in the United States. Nevertheless, there are numerous other diseases that are transmitted by ticks and other insects. Notable among them is anaplasmosis, a destructive blood disease of cattle and horses, the causative agent of which is carried by any blood-sucking insect. A number of diseases of man are transmitted by ticks, and among these are spotted fever, relapsing fever and Q fever.

Flies

Among the periodic or temporary parasites, flies offer a serious problem. In the dairy barn, flies not only are a source of irritation to the cow, but they present a problem in sanitation. It has been clearly shown that cows kept in an environment relatively free from flies will produce more milk than those in barns not protected from flies. The horn fly spends most of its life on the animal and can be controlled by the new long-lasting residues (chlorinated hydrocarbons) such as DDT, Methoxychlor, Chlordane or Lindane. The stable fly breeds in barn refuse and manure and spends only enough time on the animal to feed and then rests on fences, trees or favorable places inside or outside the barn.

Since DDT and Lindane appear in the milk of treated cows, its use is not permitted on milking cows. There is also evidence that flies may develop a resistance to DDT. Methoxychlor, another chlorinated hydrocarbon, can be safely used in the milking barn. Pyrethrum may also be used safely in the milking barn. In general, the control of flies by spraying in such places as milking barns where human food is produced poses a problem in public health. Screening of doors and windows and fly-trapping aid in keeping down the fly population. The removal of refuse and manure immediately from the vicinity of the barn is often impractical, but where possible, should be practiced.

Heel or Warble Flies

Heel or warble flies and their larvae, or cattle grubs, create another insect problem that concerns the cattle raiser. The cattle grubs are the larval forms of the heel fly. The flies attack cattle or horses in the early spring for the purpose of depositing eggs on the heels. Animals become excited and seek protection by standing in available water, or they may go into a frenzy and stampede to avoid the attack. The eggs deposited on the heels develop into tiny maggots, burrow through the skin and emerge as grubs ("warbles") through the skin along the back early the following spring, then fall to the ground and become mature heel flies. Since these grubs may be an inch in length and half an inch wide, they do considerable damage to the hide on emerging. Thus, we have 2 stages in the life of this parasite that are responsible for losses to the producer. It has been clearly shown that there is lowered milk production in dairy cows during the fly season and that greater gains are made by animals free from grubs. Also, in addition to ruining hides, portions of a dressed carcass must be trimmed off as a result of grub damage.

The most effective method of control lies in killing the grub just as it is about to emerge from the skin. In order to be effective, however, the undertaking must be on an area basis. Obviously, it would be of little value for one herd owner to destroy the grubs while neighboring owners allow them to develop into flies. Rotenone, in the form of derris or cube root powder is the most effective insecticide known for destroying grubs.

There are other flies that could be discussed. One deposits its eggs on the nostrils of sheep and the larvae develop in the nasal passages. Another (the bot fly) lays eggs on the muzzle or chin of horses. These are swallowed by the animal, subsequently develop into larvae in the wall of the stomach and interfere with nutrition. The screw worm fly lays its eggs at the edge of wounds and when the larvae develop, they crawl into the wounds and feed on the flesh. Then there are the large blood-sucking flies and mosquitoes that are capable of transmitting anthrax, sleeping sickness and a variety of diseases of man and animals. In fact, a lengthy paper could be written on flies and their control.

From this brief discussion it is apparent that the fight against the ex-

ternal parasite is unending. Effective control measures must be applied on an area basis. Research is constantly providing new weapons which are designed, for the most part, for area control and not for sporadic application.

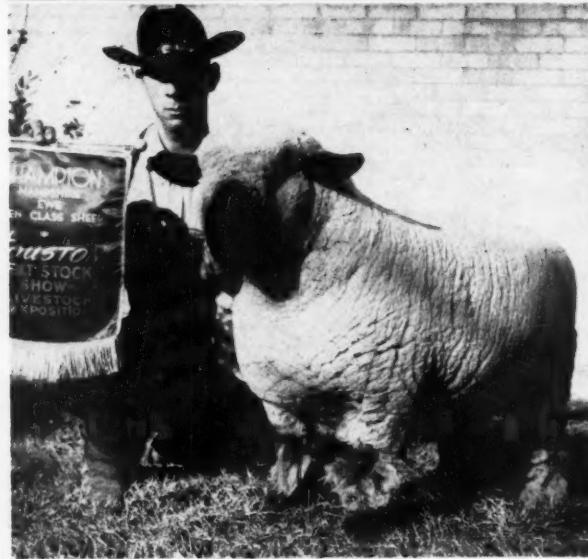
Handling of the individual is important in species such as the horse and dog, but the basic problem is the protection of large bodies of economic livestock from the ravages of external parasites.



BANDERA CHAMPION — Russell Koontz of Bandera holds the Type-C Champion Angora Doe of the 1951 San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Koontz is the senior member of the Russell Koontz and Son breeder combination.



WIMBERLY WINNER — Young Bobby Sites of Wimberly proudly shows his Type-B Angora Doe, the champion of the 1951 San Antonio Livestock Exposition.



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Outdoor Notes

By Joe Austell Small

Whale Eyes

THE EYES of a whale are set far back and look in opposite directions. They cannot be moved to look straight ahead or behind. If Mr. Heapbigfish wants to see what's on the horizon, he must stand up in the water and slowly turn around.

Modern Sampson

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The flea can lift one hundred and forty times his own weight. This means that a man, in proportion, could easily lift a ten-ton truck.

The average life of a flea is only six months, yet it can be taught to do all kinds of complicated tricks. Some have been taught to juggle, pull tiny wagons, dance, or even kick a tiny ball.

"Twilight Sleep"

Use of ether had proved so effective in simplifying the work of fin-clipping trout that workers, as an experiment, applied the same practice while stripping eggs from rainbow trout. Almost a million eggs were taken from etherized trout in half the time usually required. In addition, the percentage of "delivered" eggs that "eyed up" nearly doubled.

The spawn-takers, who formerly had to tussle with slippery trout weighing up to 15 pounds, were enthusiastic boosters for "twilight sleep" for the finny expectant mothers.

Catfish Bait

If you're worried about the live bait situation, but are still catfish hungry, bend your good ear agin' the wind and listen:

Mix 1 cup flour, 1 cup corn meal and 10 tablespoonsful of thick molasses. Mix into stiff dough and roll into bait balls. Drop into boiling water. Boil ten minutes. Remove and drop into cold water. This is a sweet-tooth catfish bait and it stays on the hook. Your skillet will smell fishy if you give this bait a good try.

For He Who Kicks

Audley C. Hawkins, of Lincoln, Illinois, was so disgusted when he reeled in a pair of old trousers that he gave the pants a scornful kick. He got a stab in the foot. A ten-inch catfish was inside the pants!

What's New, Doc?

This is the time of year when everybody comes out with bright, new catalogs on the latest developments in the sporting good world. If you are interested in any of the subjects fol-

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How To Catch a Frog

Ever go fishing for frogs? By golly, it's sport—and frog legs in the skillet is your reward. A very small snelled hook, baited with a strip of red cloth or yarn, is a sure-fire frog-getter. Also, a small wriggly worm or a dragonfly will work beautifully. Just lower the bait in front of the frog and you'll have quick action. How to get that close to him? Well, you've got have something to worry about, haven't you?

Strong Spider

It takes a 14-ounce pull to open a trap-door spider's door when he's holding it down. If man were proportionately as strong, he could exert a pull of ten tons.

Seeing the Sights After Dark

When it is necessary to shoot in the dark, wet the top of your rifle barrel and the sights can then be seen more easily due to the moisture reflecting light of the moon and stars.

Camp Kinks

Before you leave camp, pour water on your campfire and cover it with dirt.

Butter, lard and other perishable foods can be kept a long time if sunk in a spring or stream in tightly closed mason jars.

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Corriedales and the Golden Fleece

By Rollo E. Singleton, Secretary
American Corriedale Association, Inc.

ALMOST EVERYONE is familiar with Jason, the hero of ancient Greece who surpassed great obstacles in his search for a "Golden Fleece" that was supposedly watched over by a dragon which never slept.

Today Jason could find "golden fleeces" in every pastoral country of the world and in forty-four states of the United States. These fleeces are

not guarded by a sleepless dragon, nor is it necessary to undergo great hardships to obtain them. Along with the fleece a modern day Jason would discover something even more valuable—a quality carcass of top market mutton. The source of the discovery—Corriedale sheep!

The need for a breed of sheep between the fine wooled Merinos and the coarse wooled mutton breeds, and combining the productivity of the two, was prevalent in the world for centuries. History records that the Romans attempted to produce such a breed, and experiments crossing Merinos with mutton breeds were carried on at later dates in Spain and France. These attempts to modify the breeds met with small success.

In New Zealand, about 1866, James Little determined to establish a dual-purpose breed, and bred thousands of Merino ewes to Lincoln rams. He sought for a cross that would retain the hardiness, longevity and flocking qualities of the Merino, and the splendid backs and legs of mutton characterized by the Lincoln. He wanted a breed that would "fill the wool sack and fatten the bank balance." The carcass he had in mind would combine the heavy fleshing of the sire, without his tendency to coarseness and excessive fat, and the fine, sweet quality of the Merino.

Little culled his flock extensively, retaining only animals possessing the desired characteristics for his breeding stock. For many years the resulting sheep of this careful selection were known as half-bred sheep, but in 1903 a meeting was called and the Standard of Breed Type was set up. It was decided to name the sheep "Corriedale," which was the name of the ranch where Little had carried on his breeding program.

In 1941 the first Corriedales were imported to the United States, with the intention to produce the animals primarily as range sheep in the Western States. The first imported Corriedales carried marvelous fleeces and were acceptable in carcass, but were thought to be somewhat small for western use. Nevertheless, a number of ranchmen secured Corriedales and began the process of adapting them to the new conditions, at the same time trying to increase the size and mutton qualities without sacrifice of the fleece.

The Corriedales were successful in the West and adjusted themselves readily to the prevailing range conditions. Midwestern farmers began noticing the new breed, and the Corriedales started their migration to the east. During the past 36 years they have grown from a few hundred head in Wyoming to thousands of

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head distributed throughout the sheep raising areas of the United States. In 1950 more than 14,000 were registered, showing a greater increase in registrations over 1949 than did any other breed. They rank third in numbers among purebred sheep in the United States, and on a world wide basis are second in numbers only to the Merino.

The Corriedale is no pampered show sheep. James Little was a Scotsman, and true to his heritage he endeavored to develop a sheep that would be thrifty and a source of profit for its owner. The versatile Corriedale requires little attention, a matter to be considered when a farmer is figuring farm labor cost. The ewes are prolific and lamb easily. The early maturing lambs often reach market weight on mother's milk and grass alone. Such lambs frequently top the market. The rams effectively stamp their qualities on their offspring and are often used in grade flocks to increase wool production and improve the quality of carcass.

The Corriedale fleece is remarkably heavy and even, showing good staple, length, and density; having pronounced crimp and serrations with an even tip. It is greatly preferred by wool manufacturers for its spinning qualities. Ewes average 10 to 14 pounds of wool per year and rams 20 to 25 pounds. Weights far in excess of these are not uncommon.

Thomas O. Pemberton, President of the Missouri Corriedale Breeders' Association, sheared his sheep in December and sold the wool in that month through the Midwest Marketing Association. He received \$1.19 to \$1.42 per pound. He had 120 head and 40 of that number had been purchased from Art King, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and had been shorn just six months earlier. The remaining 80 animals were of his own breeding. Some of them had been shorn 10 months earlier and the others were just lambs that averaged 10 months of age. From the 120 head he sold \$1,500.00 worth of wool, an average of \$12.50 for about two-thirds of a year's growth. There was no dockage because of shortness. The flock has always averaged better than 12 pounds per head and this year the income from wool, alone, will average about \$18.50 per animal. Mr. Pemberton intends to shear again around September 1, when he will turn out his rams for breeding.

In order that the high standards and outstanding productivity of the Corriedale will not only be maintained, but improved, a production record program is now in effect. Many of the breeders are keeping extensive records on their flock as a unit of production, and on the individual animals. The results of the records will provide a sound basis for culling, and in the selection of breeding stock. The final outcome will be a breed with recorded proof of its ability to produce, and show a profit to its owner.

The Fifth All American Corriedale Show and Sale will be held at Greeley, Colorado, on July 24, 1951. Stud rams and ewes from the finest flocks in the United States are being consigned to this sale, as well as a splendid representation of importations.

Dates and Premiums Are Set for San Angelo Horse Show and Rodeo

By Ray Bostick

DATES FOR the San Angelo Horse Show and Rodeo have been set for June 7 through 10 at the Fairgrounds in San Angelo.

This announcement was made by H. E. McCulloch, general chairman for the ninth annual show. He added that this is the first year that a rodeo has been staged in connection with the show.

Premiums for the Horse Show will include a trophy for each first place in the halter classes, \$20, \$15 and \$10 each for the next three places in each class. Ribbons will be given in performance classes.

Halter judging will be held in classes for Quarter Horses, Palominos, Thoroughbreds and Half-breeds. A Cutting Horse Contest and Performance shows will also be held.

Deadline for Horse Show entries will be May 15.

The show is scheduled to begin with a downtown parade in San Angelo at 5 o'clock P. M. June 7. Dr. Hugh Ford, parade chairman, announced plans to invite West Texas Sheriff's Posse, and offer a trophy for the best posse in the parade.

Six performances of the rodeo will be held, beginning Thursday night, and running Friday afternoon and night, Saturday afternoon and night and Sunday afternoon. Beutler Brothers of Elk City, Oklahoma, will produce the San Angelo rodeo.

Chairmen for the various divisions include: D. L. Haralson of San An-

gelo, rodeo; Percy Turner of Water Valley, general superintendent of the Horse Show; Fred Roe, Jr., of Robert Lee, Thoroughbred and Halfbreed; Barney Brooks of San Angelo, Quarter Horse; and Roy Bond of San Angelo, Palomino.

Members of the executive committee of the Horse Show are: Haralson, Bond, Turner, Roe, Brooks, H. B. Poe, Gilbert Sanders, J. W. Field, R. C. Crabb, Dr. Hugh Ford, W. C. Manus, Al Sledge and Ray Willoughby all of San Angelo; and Joe Davidson of Ozona.

Mack Maxey of Richland Spring sold 395 Rambouillet mutton lambs to Owen Parks of San Saba at 30 cents out of the shearing pens. The lambs weighed 80 pounds. Parks also bought 475 mutton lambs from Calvin Bush and Eddie Roberts of Richland Springs at the same price.

J. N. Etheredge of Menard has sold 525 head of coming 2-year-old Rambouillet ewes to Corkey Nutt and Virgil Rodgers of San Angelo. The ewes have lambs at the side. Lambs are half Corriedale.

Archie McFadin sold 800 Rambouillet ewe lambs in the wool for \$30 a head.

McFadin has used Panama bucks, but says that as yet he has not yet found a sheep that will beat the Rambouillet on his kind of pasture conditions.



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SEVEN IN 26 MONTHS — Peggy, the young Jersey cow of Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Baker of Frankston, is busily getting substance so she can accommodate her quadruplet calves at their mealtime. Peggy's record for 26 months is as follows: first, one calf; second, twins; and now quadruplets. The foursome's father is a registered Hereford. Quadruplets occur once-in-a-million in cows.

Sam Roberts of San Angelo purchased 1,400 blackface yearling ewes from Jack and Joe Williams of Ozona and 275 more from Bill Hemphill of San Angelo. Delivery date was set for June 1 - 10 out of the shearing pens.

Claud Gilmer of Rocksprings has purchased the 1,157-acre ranch of Tom Bly on the West Frio River near Camp Wood. Price was said to be \$42.50 per acre.

Nabors and Davis of Brownwood have sold 1,000 Rambouillet yearling ewes to L. A. Vanderford of San Angelo at \$28 a head out of the wool. The trade was made for May delivery.

Vanderford also bought 540 pairs

of Rambouillet ewes with January lambs from the same sellers. Priced for May delivery out of the shearing pens the ewes went at \$30 a pair.

Floyd Featherstone has bought 1,600 top mutton lambs from Duke Bryson of Uvalde. Expected to weigh between 80 and 90 pounds the lambs will be delivered April 15 at 30 cents a pound.

Prices on nannies at Junction are reported at \$13 a head or more. Few mutton goats are being offered, but the price is \$15 for those available.

Harvey Martin of San Angelo purchased 450 good-mouth ewes with 325 Rambouillet lambs at side from Trammel Wilson of San Angelo. Price was \$34.50 a head.

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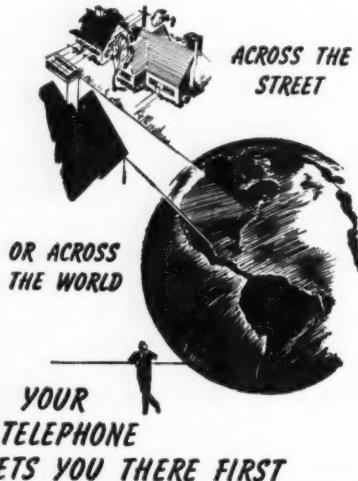
Modernized Del Rio Is Further Improved by Recent Rain

By Ima Jo Fleetwood

RANCHMEN in Val Verde County are able to grin again. Things are looking up.

The Easter rain came just in time to put them all in a good humor for the spring race meet of the Del Rio

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Livestock Association. The good humor stems from the prospect of cutting down the feed bill.

Local bankers estimate \$500,000 a month has been spent by ranchmen for feed since January. It was then the drouth made it necessary to begin feeding almost all stock; prior to January, only ewes and some young stuff had been on feed.

"For the first three months of this year," Autrey Walker, executive vice-president of the Del Rio National Bank, estimated "the feed bill for ranchmen in Val Verde County has been a million and a half dollars."

With the first good rain in the ground since September, 1950, the ranchmen are able to think about something besides the drouth. They looked around, took stock of what has happened in the community and were still able to grin.

Wool and mohair production in Val Verde County is expected to be down in 1951 but not too far from the 1950 figure of approximately 8,000,000 pounds of wool and more than 2,000,000 pounds of mohair.

The county, heaviest wool and mohair concentration county in the state, is served by two warehouses, the Producers Wool and Mohair Company and the Del Rio Wool and Mohair Company. C. B. (Dutch) Wardlaw manages the Producers, C. E. (Ed) Long, the Del Rio warehouse.

Ranchmen have found another interest apart from and yet related to their industry. A sudden and very extensive interest in oil leasing all over the county has sprung up. The interest followed the promise held out by a well on Mrs. Guida Rose's ranch in the northern part of the county. As work on it progressed, a brisk flurry of leasing in Val Verde County sprang up. Representatives of major oil companies are in the field and there are plans to drill a well in the Comstock country, north of Del Rio.

Already some of the families of the oil workers or prospectors are flocking into Del Rio. Some are coming to work in Val Verde County; others are

seeking residence here, coming from the adjoining counties in which they might not be accommodated.

These newcomers are finding a city three miles from the Rio Grande, cradled in a cup-like valley. In this valley are the huge San Felipe Springs, which is the source of the city's pure water supply. Waters of the springs form the San Felipe Creek and flow into an irrigation system constructed in the early days of the community. The system, stemming from the Madre Ditch, still supplies water to irrigate truck farms on the city's outskirts and here are small but fine vineyards as well as vegetable gardens.

Winding about the springs and the creek is the San Felipe Country Club, which boasts one of the sportiest golf courses in the state. It abounds in water hazards. The annual invitation golf tournament has grown, year by year, until now it attracts top-flight Texas golfers to the course each year.

Newcomers and visitors at the race meet will find better accommodations this year, since a splendid new tourist court, the Triple A, located on Highway 90 north, has been added during the past year to the city's 13 other such courts.

And there is a promise of better housing in the San Jose housing project. This includes 125 units, with work about half finished. It is a Del Rio Housing Authority project, the units being constructed of concrete and hollow tile with all modern conveniences. When completed, they will be available to persons within a given income bracket and are designed to improve living conditions for those who make a limited salary.

One of the city's 12 larger churches is the new church edifice of the First Presbyterian Church. This new building, of Austin stone exterior, was consecrated Easter Sunday after being under construction since June, 1950.

Two new industries have been added to the city within the past few

months. They include the Walker and Jones enterprises. The men operate a vegetable packing shed on the railroad in town and farms throughout the section to supply the sheds. The concern has farms in the Quemado Valley area, along the Pinto Creek and have just completed the breaking of 500 acres of ground just outside the city limits of Del Rio on an old Val Verde irrigation tract. This will be planted in cauliflower, which will be shipped from the Del Rio packing shed to national markets.

The other new industry promises to be quite busy. It is the wholesale pipe and oil well supply house, the Blankenship Supply Company. This concern handles windmills and other

ranch supplies as well as the oil pipe, for which demands are increasing.

The City of Del Rio recently completed a \$150,000 sewage disposal plant, replacing the out-moded structure that had served the city since 1918. Sewer lines were extended all over the city and lines are now within reach of every dwelling within the city limits.

Visitors will be happy to find conditions for crossing the Rio Grande to Villa Acuna are vastly improved. The new concrete and steel ramps, replacing the wooden approach that burned in 1946, are more than half completed. The ramp on the south, which leads to the steel bridge over the Rio Grande, is already in use and work is well underway on the north

ramp, which leads down to the Vega from the customs houses.

The Citizens Bridge Company, owners of the structure, expect to have the north ramp completed in July or probably sooner.

Since the last race meet, Del Rio has added two highly attractive restaurants — the Ranch House on Highway 90 north and Jack's Chicken Shack on the South Loop, which is State Highway 277 leading to the International Bridge.

Rain makes things look different. Last week everything was covered with dust and everybody was worked to a nub feeding. But it rained, and some of the dust was washed off and Del Rio people feel better. By race time they will be in high spirits and

ready to extend the proper welcome to their visitors. Things are looking up in Val Verde County.

There are over 50 registered horse breeders in Val Verde County.

The highest wool sale to date has been reported from Val Verde County. It was 2,100 fleeces of 8-months clip, half lamb and half ewe wool, straight Rambouillet, and brought \$1.50 per pound. Sale was made through Del Rio Wool and Mohair Company with W. G. Shield of San Angelo the buyer.

Blaine Salmon of Van Horn sold 1,200 yearling to 2-year-old Rambouillet ewes for immediate delivery at \$34.



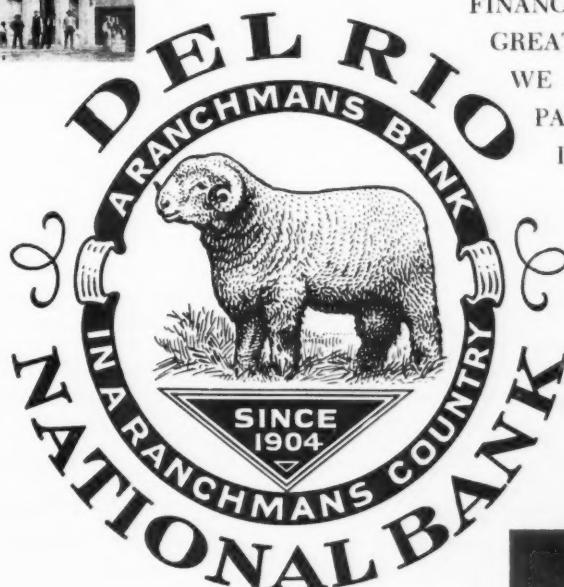
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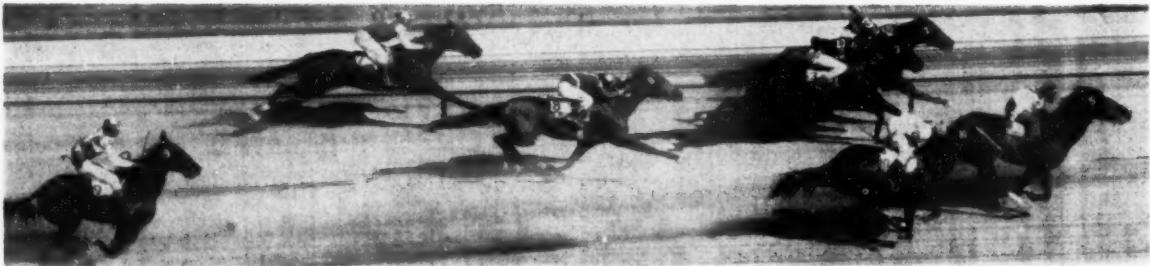
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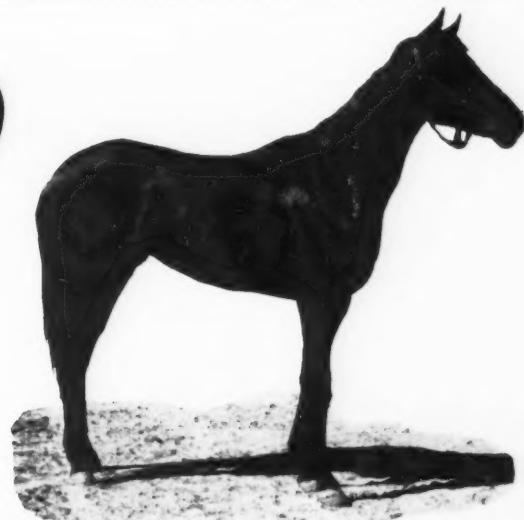
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In 1904, Mr. Hamilton married Charlotte Sherwood in San Angelo and in 1906 he moved to Del Rio. They had always held the thought that someday they would return to San Angelo to live, but as time passed the Hamiltons have become quite content in Val Verde County. The Hamiltons have two children, Mrs. Roger Thurmond of Del Rio and Gait Hamilton.

Hamilton's father was well known in sheep trading circles and his son carried this reputation still further. At one time Russ Hamilton's wool clip

was around 60,000 pounds annually.

The other day in Del Rio, Mr. Hamilton was in the bank visiting with ranchmen as they came in and shook the dust off their boots.

In a thoughtful mood he said, "I'm the first Hamilton, I guess, to ever get out of the sheep business. I sold my self out, then couldn't get back in."

Mr. Hamilton, who also has chalked up to his ranching experience 4 years in Mexico, sold his sheep in 1948 mainly for the prices.

"My country was in better shape than most but I'd never heard of ewes selling for \$20 — I had sold so many for under \$3. And lambs were bringing \$14.50. Well sir, I thought for sure the market was going to break. I would sell out at those prices then buy back in when they went down.

"Of course the prices have steadily gone up, and I have never thought it wise to pay present sheep prices to get back in."

To a reporter's question of "What do you run now?" he said, "Oh, I've got cattle, good Herefords, lots of fine calves — but you just can't shear them."

Due to the January freeze and the
early lambing season of Val Verde
County, the average lamb crop of the
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ty will not exceed 60 percent.

**The Mexican Government has stop-
ped its growers from sending wool to**
this side of the border for sale. Mo-
hair is still allowed to come, however.



AMONG THE HORSE ENTHUSIASTS in Val Verde County are Mr. and Mrs. Noble Taylor and son, Jay. Jay is just 16 months old so doesn't say much as yet, but he can and does say, "caballo." The Taylors have fine quarter horses, and plan soon to start breeding horses. Mr. Taylor, a director of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and vice-chairman of the Del Rio Livestock Association, ranches near Loma Alta. Don King (right) is a trainer for the Taylor racing horses.

The RANCH HOME

and News of Woman's Auxiliary

State Wool and Mohair Festival Plans Enlarged at Meeting

THE STATE Wool and Mohair Festival with the "Make It Yourself With Wool and Mohair" style show in conjunction was the major business on the agenda of the Hill County Auxiliary. The chapter, a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, met in regular quarterly business session at Bandera, March 16. Forty-five ladies from the various Hill Country towns gathered for the meeting in the American Legion Hall and Mrs. Ross Snodgrass, president of the chapter, presided.

Mrs. Ray Wyatt of Bandera introduced Mrs. D. W. Hicks who gave the address of welcome. Mrs. Snodgrass introduced Mrs. Walter Epperson for the response. Mrs. Wyatt introduced Mrs. Melvin Rossman who presented two piano numbers "Cujus Animam" from "Stabat Mater" by W. Kuhe and "Rustle of Spring" by Christian Sinding.

Mrs. R. L. Sabins of Kerville read the minutes of the December meeting which was held at Rocksprings and also of the executive meeting with the Kerrville Lions Club. In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Snodgrass read the financial report.

Mrs. Hondo Crouch of Comfort gave a report of the State quarterly meeting which was held in Bandera, March 10. Mrs. Felix Real, Jr. reported that the state meeting was the largest and best held in ten years.

Mrs. R. L. Walker, State Auxiliary president, asked Mrs. Snodgrass to appoint Mrs. Sproul Morris of Mountain Home to serve on State membership committee from the Hill Country Chapter and Mrs. Oscar Neuenhofer of Kerrville to serve on the Wool and Mohair promotion committee.

Mrs. Hondo Crouch gave a detailed report on plans for the Fall Wool and

Mohair Festival which will be held in Kerrville, October 3-6, and a general discussion was held in regard to selecting a young lady to preside over the festival as the Shepherdess of the Hills instead of a queen. Suggestions were presented in regard to her court which would include Little Bo Peep, lions, wolves, lambs, kids, etc. It was also suggested that the Lions Club send invitations to each town in the area for a girl to enter. Entries will be made and selected through the winners of the sewing contest. Mrs. Crouch announced that evening dresses will be added to the Junior Senior contest and judged with the dresses. Each state belonging to the National Wool Growers Association will send two winners to the National Contest which will be held in Portland, Oregon in December.

Mrs. Snodgrass appointed committees on the "Make It Yourself With Wool and Mohair" contest. They are Mrs. Joe Almond, Lampasas; Mrs. G. A. Glimp, Burnet; Mrs. J. E. Tatum, Rocksprings; Mrs. Fordtram Johnson, Junction; Mrs. Claude Haby, Leakey;

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BANDERA HOSTESSES — These Hill Country women were hostesses to 90 Auxiliary members and guests at the quarterly directors meeting in Bandera, March 9-10. A coffee at Lost Valley Guest Ranch, given in honor of the visiting ladies, immediately preceded the general women's session. Table decorations featured a spring flower arrangement flanked by miniature lambs and kids, which were covered with real wool and mohair. Mrs. Ray Wyatt was chairman of arrangements. Standing left to right are: Mrs. Rheia Mansfield, Mrs. Raymond Hicks, Mrs. Les Short, Mrs. Russell Koontz, Mrs. D. W. Hicks, Mrs. Edna Wheat Beam, Mrs. John Saul and Mrs. C. G. Clousnitzer. Seated left to right are: Mrs. Walter Meadows, Mrs. C. H. Mansfield, Mrs. Ray Wyatt and Mrs. H. F. Schlemmer.

FESTIVAL

(Continued from page 35)

Mrs. Dean Hopf, Harper; Miss Merdie M. Barth, Fredericksburg; Mrs. Chester Heinen, Comfort; Mrs. Ray Wyatt, Bandera; Mrs. Ross Meritt, Mountain Home; Mrs. C. N. Nutter, Ingram; Miss Ada Mae Montell, Center Point. Mrs. Hondo Crouch was appointed Style Show chairman; Mrs. Felix Real, Jr., display chairman for the Festival and Mrs. Monty Holekamp as home made display.

Miss Erma Schmidt of Kerrville talked on the part Home Demonstration Clubs could play in a successful Festival.

Mrs. Snodgrass gave a resume of the Festival plans and reported that Mrs. John Alexander of San Saba had expressed the wish at the State meeting that a chapter be formed at San Saba to take in that section.

Mrs. Carl Oehler of Harper announced that a Wool Show would be held in Harper in May.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be at Junction in June.

Following the business meeting the Bandera ladies served refreshments of chicken salad in lettuce cups, cake, olives, relishes, nuts, tea and coffee. Mrs. Les Short presided at the tea service, Mrs. Russell Koontz served the salad, Mrs. John Saul served the cake. The refreshment table was laid with a crocheted cloth, centered with spring flowers and tall green tapers in silver holders. The St. Patrick's Day motif was carried out in wooly lambs with green ribbons about their necks and three leaf clovers.

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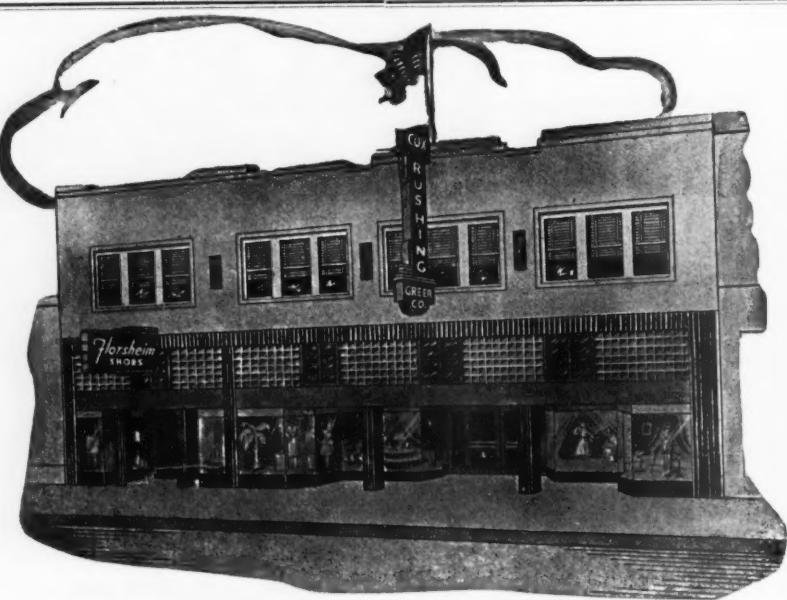
THE QUARTERLY entertainment of the Coleman Auxiliary of the county's Breeder-Feeder Association and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was a complete success — in both attendance and finances.

Held early in March, the event was labeled a dinner dance, but was modified to meet western standards.

The Coleman County recreation hall at the Rodeo Grounds was branded with the ranch motif — lanterns for lights, etc. The band stand was camouflaged with saddles, bed rolls, and lariats. The menus, which were decorated with cattle brands, featured as an entree, Son-of-a-Gun, supplemented with Sour Dough Biscuits and Coffee.

Peace officers, deputized for the evening, collected \$2 at the door from each couple (or \$1 per head) and pinned sombrero receipts on the guests. Six-shooters on the tables helped enforce a peaceable night, and started off the festivities in a spirit of fun.

Over 100 couples attended the party. Committee members in charge of decorations and arrangements were: Mrs. Tom Hunt, Mrs. J. O. Brown, Mrs. Lillian Lewellen and Miss Mary Alice Smith all of Coleman.



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Official Minutes of the Meeting in Bandera

THE FIRST quarterly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was held at Bandera, March 10, at Lost Valley Ranch, following a coffee at 10:00 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. W. B. Wilson of San Angelo, first vice president, who presided in absence of Mrs. R. L. Walker, president from Fort Stockton.

Mrs. Ray Wyatt introduced Mrs. D. W. Hicks of Bandera, who gave the welcoming address; followed by Mrs. J. T. Baker, who introduced Mrs. H. H. Saenger of Fort Stockton, who gave the response.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. Sayers Farmer read Mrs. R. L. Walker's report of the National Convention held in Casper Wyoming in December.

Mrs. Felix Real, Jr. and Mrs. Snodgrass told of the Kerrville Wool and Mohair Festival to be held October 3 to 6, and they invited the Woman's Auxiliary to have their state style show at Kerrville during the festival.

Mrs. Leo Richardson of Iraan, state treasurer, reported that as of March 10, the Auxiliary had only 174 paid members, with a balance in the bank of \$587.26.

Miss Sue Flanagan, Sheep and Goat Raiser magazine staff member of San Angelo, reported that she would welcome any publicity news

from area chairmen or members in regard to the promotion of wool and mohair in their locality.

Mrs. Worth Evans stated that she and W. W. Wilson, agricultural secretary of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, were making tentative plans for the state convention to be held in that city in November.

Mrs. Sayers Farmer moved that Woman's Auxiliary accept Kerrville's invitation to have the state "Make It Yourself With Wool and Mohair" style show, during the October Festival of 1951. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Jr., of Austin, reported at present there was no worthy graduate student at the University of Texas available for the Katherine Evans scholarship fund.

Mrs. Farmer moved that the Auxiliary send Mrs. J. W. Vance, National President of the Women's Auxiliary, a telegram of sympathy during the ill-

ness of her mother at Floydada. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Jr., chairman of the resolution committee, thanked Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Russell Koontz, Mrs. John Saul and the entire entertainment committee including the Bandera County Ranchmen and Farmers' Association and the Bandera County Livestock Improvement Association for their cordial hospitality and the coffee and barbecue.

There being no further business, Mrs. W. B. Wilson declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank Fulk, Secretary

The Burnet Hospital is gaining quite a reputation. A Bandera ranch family informs us that the hospital officials thought they were going to lose a ninety-year-old patient they had last month but they finally saved the woman and her baby, too.



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Davidson: "The Commission has discretion as to whether the county is quarantined or not. All Commission members are under bond. The responsibility is on the shoulders of the Commission and they are going to do all they can."

Earwood: "I think that we have pretty well covered it, Mr. President. I think perhaps that our committee will want to offer a resolution before we adjourn."

Report of Tax Committee

Horace Fawcett, member of the Livestock Tax Committee, reported that the Tax Committee and various individuals throughout the United States have won repeated cases in regard to capital gains. He said that to date the Internal Revenue people maintain that they do not have to follow the dictates of the courts.

"The only thing for us to do is to ask Congress to write it into the law. I think that now we have an opportunity to get the rules written into law in favor of the tax payer in regard to capital gains. This will be the major concern of the Livestock Tax Committee for the next few months. At

our last meeting it was decided that we must again replenish our budget. It has been something like five years since we have had to ask the ranch people of the United States for money. We have spent in excess of \$40,000 in the last few years. I feel that we have spent the money profitably. We decided that we would ask the ranch people of the United States for an additional \$40,000. We feel that this \$40,000 will carry us for several years. That money is allocated to the different cattle and sheep growing states. Our part will be larger than that of other states as we are the largest raising state. The quota for Texas is .267 per unit of sheep and cattle, counting five sheep to one cow — making a total of \$2,339 for the sheep men and \$8,934 for the cattle raisers. I believe you have confidence in the committee and I hope you will mail your check, big or little, to the Association office."

Wool and Mohair Carnival

Guy Powell of Kerrville, announced that the Wool and Mohair Carnival would be held in Kerrville, October 3, 4, 5 and 6 and he invited the cooperation of the Association.

President Roddie asked for reports from all standing committees:

C. T. Holekamp, Warehouse and Dues Committee, reported that the committee had met and had turned a resolution over to the General Resolutions Committee.

Jimmy Mills, Lamb Committee, reported that a resolution had been submitted to the Resolutions Committee.

P. K. McIntosh, Traffic Committee, reported that a resolution had been submitted.

H. C. Noelke, Jr., College, Research and Extension Committee — No report.

Mack L. Browne, Predatory Animal Committee, reported that they had had a good meeting attended by fourteen and that they had submitted two resolutions.

Fred Earwood, Wool and Mohair Marketing Committee, reported that

they had a very nice meeting and that it was very well attended. The principal discussion was price control. "We have heard quite a few rumors that the only way to control wool prices is to subsidize foreign wool. The committee feels that it would be a mistake to subsidize foreign wools. We don't feel that that would encourage the production of domestic wool. We feel that we have been left out on the discussions of prices on wool and mohair."

Resolution on Subsidy of Foreign Wool

The following resolution was read:

"It has been brought to our attention that the Office of Price Stabilization is planning or considering a subsidy on importation of foreign wools. The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association does not feel that our Government should subsidize the foreign wool producer as we do not believe that this would in any way stabilize prices in this country. We feel that our Government should encourage production of domestic wool. Subsidizing the importation of foreign wool would not encourage domestic production and we urgently request that this not be put into effect. The Office of Price Stabilization has issued and will issue from time to time rules and regulations governing the price of wool and wool products that affect the grower directly or indirectly. The growers have not been consulted to our knowledge in any manner. We earnestly request that the Office of Price Stabilization appoint a wool growers advisory committee which would be available to advise with the Office of Price Stabilization as does the Wool Manufacturers Advisory Committee which can not represent the growers interests."

Fred Earwood moved the adoption of the resolution and asked for the privilege of redrafting it. (The redrafted version appears above). The motion was seconded by Scott Hartgrove and it was voted and carried.

Willie B. Wilson, Livestock Theft Committee, reported that they had had a very interesting meeting and that they had presented a resolution to the General Resolutions Committee.

Penrose Metcalfe, Sheep Scabies Committee, moved that the Association accept contributions to be used for necessary travel expenses of Scabies Inspectors if and when State funds were exhausted and also to be used for the prosecution of anyone caught transporting scabie sheep.

Fred Earwood seconded the motion and it was voted and carried.

Clayton Puckett asked about how much money they were thinking about; how much per head.

Penrose Metcalfe said that they were unable to determine the exact amount of money that would be necessary and thought that perhaps when the written request for funds was sent out the amount could be stipulated at that time. He said that a resolution should be sent to urge the Legislature to appropriate the needed money to show the Chairman of the Appropriation Committee that we were concerned about the scabies situation. He said that he wanted to take the opportunity of saying to the members of this group that we were lucky to have a man from West Texas as Speaker of

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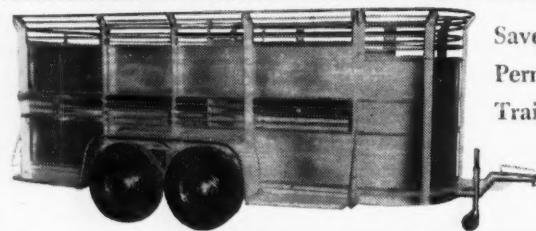
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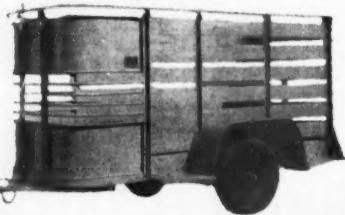
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the House and he also named other representatives from West Texas.

Bryan Hunt suggested that everybody send in \$1.00 a bag on their wool and/or mohair and then we would have extra funds on hand.

Vic Pierce asked if the Association had a special fund that could be used.

The Secretary replied that it would have to come out of miscellaneous funds.

Armistead Rust said that he thought it important that no funds be specifically earmarked. Funds should be available for anything that comes up.

President Roddie then asked for a report from the General Resolutions Committee.

General Resolutions

Dolph Briscoe, Jr., Chairman, read the following resolutions:

Livestock Theft

1. Whereas livestock stealing is very prevalent and is causing substantial losses.

And whereas the chief difficulty in prevention of livestock theft seems to be at the prosecution level — that is, lack of successful prosecution after arrest on suspicion of theft.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, in an attempt to secure more convictions, take the following steps:

a. Call upon every member of the Association to serve on all cases where called for jury service.

b. Publish in Sheep and Goat Raiser all stories on sheep, goat, wool and mohair theft cases. The names of the jurors and the disposition of the case.

c. Have a special prosecutor to assist in the prosecution of cases of alleged sheep, goat, wool and mohair theft.

Subsidies

2. Whereas during this time of emergency spending of great sums for our National Defense, it becomes necessary to cut non-essential spending from our National Budget and

Whereas subsidy payments through the Production Marketing Administration of the U.S.D.A. are no longer necessary.

Be it therefore resolved:

a. The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association go on record as urging the elimination of this subsidy item as well as all other

items not essential to the National Defense from the National Budget.

b. We commend Congressman O. C. Fisher of the 21st Congressional District, the Tom Green County Farm Bureau and Hon. Houston Harpe, publisher of the San Angelo Standard-Times, for their stand on the elimination of these subsidy payments.

c. We do, however, recommend that there be no cut in the appropriation for research and technical advice as pertains to soil conservation.

d. A copy of this resolution be mailed to each Senator and Representative in Congress from the State of Texas.

e. A copy of this resolution be mailed to the president of each organization of farmers and/or ranchmen in the United States with the request that our fellow Associations express themselves on this vital problem.

There was a lengthy discussion on this resolution. Johnny Williams suggested that the resolution be tabled, studied and rewritten and presented at the next meeting.

Horace Fawcett said that he thought that it would not be fair to Walter Downie who wrote the resolution to table it until the next meeting. He thought that it was important enough and worth the time to act on the resolution at the present time. He moved that the resolution as rewritten be adopted by the Association.

Willie B. Wilson seconded the motion and it was voted and carried.

Predatory Animals

3. Whereas predatory animals are causing heavy losses of livestock and poultry in many areas of the state and nation.

Whereas the hunters paid from State funds furnish the nucleus of the cooperative program which is doing very effective work in the control of these injurious animals and

Whereas the present force of 70 hunters employed through the Livestock Sanitary Commission is inadequate to the needs of this control program resulting in severe losses in many instances before hunters can be made available and

Whereas the present maximum salary of \$175.00 per month is too low to attract and retain the services of the best qualified men resulting in many losses.

Therefore be it resolved that the 52nd Legislature now in session be urged to provide for an increase in the number of State-paid hunters from 70 to 80 and to increase the present maximum salary from \$175.00 to \$200.00 per month.

And be it further resolved that our secretary be instructed to send copies of this resolution to each of the Senators and Representatives from the area covered by our Association membership.

4. Whereas predatory animals are responsible for severe losses of livestock, game and poultry and

Whereas the cooperative program for predatory control supervised by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of

the Interior is accomplishing effective work on a limited scale but is handicapped by lack of funds and

Whereas the Federal Government while supervising this program is paying a disproportionate part of its cost as evidenced by the fact that \$52,000 per year is made available by the Federal Government as compared with \$177,000 per year from the State of Texas plus \$2,000 per year from local cooperatives. Therefore be it resolved that the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association that our members in the National Congress be urged to initiate and support such action as may be necessary to induce the President, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Ranchers and Farmers Association and the Congress to take action to get passed among the various states affected by this problem, a minimum of \$100,000 per year shall be made available for the cooperative control program in Texas and

Be it further resolved that our secretary be instructed to present this resolution to each Texas member of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Price Ceilings

5. Whereas price ceilings on livestock will serve only to reduce production, create shortages of meat and divert livestock from legitimate channels into the Black Market.

Therefore be it resolved that our members in Congress and the Office of Price Stabilization be urged to maintain a competitive market for livestock.

Livestock Chemicals and Supplies

6. Whereas an adequate supply of livestock sprays and drenches for the control of parasites and insects in livestock is essential to maintain our livestock industry at maximum production and

Whereas the chemicals used in these sprays and drenches are in short supply. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association that our members in Congress be urged to take such action as may be necessary with the National Production Authority to make available an adequate supply of livestock sprays and drenches.

Freight Rates

7. Resolved by the Board of Directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association

That we do not believe any increase in freight rates is justified at this time and instruct our Traffic Counsel to oppose any such increase.

Dues

8. We pledge the warehouses to continue their vigorous and aggressive cooperation in the collection of dues and otherwise in support of activities of the Association and its members.

Due to uncertainties of the future and demands which may be made on the Association protecting the interests of the Sheep and Goat Industry we recommend that the Association continue solicitation of the voluntary

contribution of \$1.00 per bag on wool and mohair as was practiced in the past.

Commandment for Congressman Poage

9. We commend Congressman W. R. Poage for his courageous and aggressive stand against a proposed Labor Department migratory labor bill as reported by the newspapers and assure him of our support in our efforts to get passed a fair and workable migratory labor bill.

Thanks

10. We express our appreciation and thanks to the people of Bandera for their hospitality — especially to the Bandera County Livestock Improvement Association and the Bandera County Ranchers and Farmers Association and want them to know that we have had a good time.

We wish to thank Mrs. Millie Margaret Moore for her very friendly and efficient manner in taking care of room reservations for visitors.

Dolph Briscoe moved the adoption of all resolutions that were read and had not been adopted. W. R. Cusenberry seconded the motion and it was voted and carried.

Fred Eatwood said that Horace Fawcett had given of his time and money working on the Tax Committee and he thought that he had done a wonderful job. He thought that the Association should commend Horace Fawcett for the work he had done. A motion was made, seconded, voted and carried.

Scabies Articles in Magazine Helpful

Duval Davidson said that he thought the articles that had appeared in the Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine on sheep scabies had been a great help to the Livestock Sanitary Commission.

To Lampasas for Next Meet

Weldon Cloud, Lampasas, extended an invitation to the Association to hold its next quarterly meeting in Lampasas. A motion was made to that effect and it was seconded, voted and carried.

President Roddie adjourned the meeting at 1:00 P. M.



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TEXANS BUY COLORADO RANCH

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS Edelman of Friona, Texas have purchased the 2,800-acre ranch of Mrs. Jeannette C. Davis near Hereford, Colorado.

The Davis ranch is the site of the first known settlement in Huerfano county.

The Edelmans and their 4-year-old son will get possession of the ranch within a month. They also bought 5,000-acres of grazing land 20 miles east of Walsenburg from George Sills of Colorado Springs. They plan to stock both places with Herefords.

William and Jeannette Thach of the Southern Colorado Land and Livestock Co. arranged the transaction.

Between 26,000 and 27,000 yearling wethers and some 15,000 Ram-bouillet yearling ewes have been sold by Ray W. Willoughby of San Angelo. He bought the sheep last year as lambs from several West Texas points.

Price on the wethers was said to be 30 cents a pound out of the wool. Buyers were Rath Packing Co. of Waterloo, Iowa, and Paul Blood Livestock Feeding Co. of South Morrill, Nebraska.

The ewes, which were sold to various buyers, were priced at \$32 a head out of the wool.

The sheep will be delivered between April 25 and May 15 loading from Eldorado, Marathon, Alpine and Valentine.

Willoughby has on hand about 12,000 crossbred Suffolk yearling ewes.

Roy Knight of Mason sold 516 head of yearling muttons to Roy Kothmann of Menard. The sheep were delivered March 9 and weighed 98 pounds shorn.

Kothmann also purchased about 600 muttons from Carter Bros. of Eden. These yearlings, shorn two months ago weighed 100 pounds. From Rich Brothers of Brady, Kothmann got 395 mutton yearlings.

Foxtail Johnson Objects

CLAB HUCKEY brags as how he's gonna raise 10,000 acres of cotton over on Toad creek. He has seed, water and fertilizer enough for two acres, but such things can sure stretch a long ways around a hot stove at the gin.

Seems like the kings of Egypt and Iran marry a new wife whenever they take the notion. Who do they think they are — movie stars?

In the big towns they've got trick garroge doors that open when a car drives up to 'em. In Texas we've got fences that lay over flat whenever a Braymer walks up to 'em.

It used to be easy but now it's awful hard to throw money away. The stuff has got so light that when you turn loose it just floats off in the air like cottonwood fluff.

Anybody's plum shiftless if he's short of money these days, when all he has to do is to float an RFC loan.

Truman's budget is what he thinks he can pry away from us. A citizen's budget is what he hopes he can maybe hold out on Harry.

My wife remarked as how Brotherhood Week would be a fine time for me to make her brother a loan. I remarked as how it would be a fine time for him to make me a loan. She remarked as how I ain't his brother but he's hers and I don't love her no more.

When a puncher gets bucked off on the range, he's a skin-milk cowboy. When he gets bucked off in front of a grandstand full of dudes, he's a rodeo star.

It's years since a surrey with a fringe on top was seen around here, but the pants leg with the fringe on the bottom is still right in style.

Better wait till after the war to get married, boys. Start with skirmishes and work up to the real battles.

Prices have rose more on likker and shoes than anything else. You can always patch your old shoes but there ain't no half-solin' an empty bottle.

A speaker that hums and haws and stumbles is probly just fishin' around for words he's sure his audience don't savvy.

When you come right down to it, everybody's about as smart as everybody else. They just show their dumbness in different ways, that's all.

The Hopalong Cassidy Club had Gabe Horsfall arrested for cruel and inhuman treatment of children. Seems he bought his little boy a sheepherder suit.

I've got two good feet that's fairly fast, with no bunions or ingrown toenails. My wife says if I was half as

well fixed at the other end, I'd be smart enough that she could send me alone to the store for a spool of thread.

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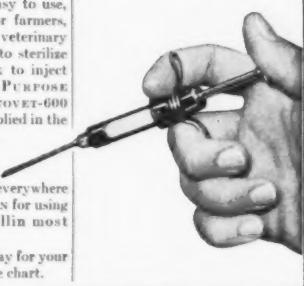
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WITH ALL the shifting trends of international trade and politics and in spite of the recent and various reductions in tariffs in this country, the Australian sheep growers have maintained the rigid export embargo on their fine wool breeding sheep. They have refused to allow such breeding sheep to leave their shores to improve the wool growing potential of this country although it is hard to imagine at this time how the United States could become a serious competitor to Australia in the production of fine wool. Apparently, the Australian wool growers are willing enough to spend several hundred thousands of dollars in the United States to advertise wool likely because the bulk of the wool consumed in this country is now of Australian origin.

It is not a foregone conclusion that the Australian breeding sheep would do the job of augmenting domestic wool production or of improving its quality. Even so, domestic growers would like to try and find out. While there has been obvious material improvement in the fine wool sheep of Texas and other states the need for further improvement is apparent to all progressive breeders.

Along this line an interesting letter written by an anonymous reader of The Pastoral Review, Australia, to its editor is worth review in order to secure a conception of a New Zealander's opinion of the wool growing industry of the country. The letter also succinctly outlines a very plausible reason why, if possible, Australian and New Zealand breeders should assist the American wool grower improve the quality and quantity of his clip.

The letter follows:

When I returned to New Zealand recently through the U.S.A. I had an

opportunity of having a look at some of the Rambouillet Merino country, and I also had a look at their wool. I came home convinced after seeing it — and also in view of the very great decline in sheep raising on the poorer country in U.S.A. — that it would be very good business for Australia and New Zealand to assist the American woolen industry.

Their wool, largely I think because of the poorness of the country, becomes very fluffy. I actually saw one clip where the yield was 28 per cent, due to the fluffiness and openness of the wool, which was filled with dirt. They need sheep from outside to try and help them to get some body into the fleece, and for that reason they are keen to get New Zealand Merino sheep, since our conditions are more rigorous than those in Australia and more approximating their own, and therefore the sheep acclimatise much better. In any case we know in New Zealand that an Australian ram, after it has been in New Zealand for 18 months, becomes an entirely different sheep so far as wool is concerned.

With regard to your statement that it is necessary "to strengthen the position of Merino wool itself in relation to competitive fibres by increasing the output to an extent sufficient to more nearly satisfy the world's ever increasing requirements," this is the need today. There is no doubt about this, and I think it is bad business that we stand by and see the Merino sheep growing industry go downhill in a country where the competition from synthetic fibres is the keenest in the world. I believe that ultimately this must re-act on all fine wool growers, and that is why I have been very keen to see the industry in Australia and New Zealand hold out a helping hand to these people in U.S.A.

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THE WOOL BUREAU BOOSTS RETAIL SALES OF MEN'S CLOTHING

MEN'S WEAR retail merchants who have used the sales training course developed by the Wool Bureau have advised the Bureau's Men's Wear Advisory Committee that the course has increased their volume of men's clothing sales and has materially improved the technique of sales personnel.

The Committee adopted the outline of a broad, continuing plan of cooperation with the leading retail merchants of the country for the mutual exchange of information and conferences. The plan will be put into operation with the leading retail merchants of the country for the mutual exchange of information and conferences. The plan will be put into operation prior to the opening of the Fall buying season.

The Committee also arranged for cooperation and participation in the Wool Bureau's campaign for Spring



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County Agent, C. E. Nelson, Boerne, Kendall County, is becoming a veteran in the ways of livestock shows. Here he is shown keenly viewing the activity of the Hill Country Show at Kerrville.

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to stress the investment value to retail merchants and the public of all-wool clothing, particularly of tropical worsted suits, which manufacturers on the Committee's report are selling in greater volume in all price ranges than in any previous early Spring sales.

In reviewing the first year of the Men's Wear program under the direction of the Advisory Committee, Michael Daroff, chairman of the Committee, declared that in his opinion, and in the opinion of retail merchants, the program had been the most consistent and successful joint sales in-

cutive undertaking that had yet been developed in the clothing trade.

"It is my earnest hope that we may enlist the cooperation of representatives of other manufacturers in our field in a program which is designed to increase sales of all kinds of men's apparel, with particular emphasis on maintaining integrity of quality," Mr. Daroff said.

In February, Monroe Stewart and Ed Williford of Brownwood bought a bunch of 4-year-old ewes with large fall lambs at side for \$50 a pair. Harold Gist, Zephyr, was the seller.

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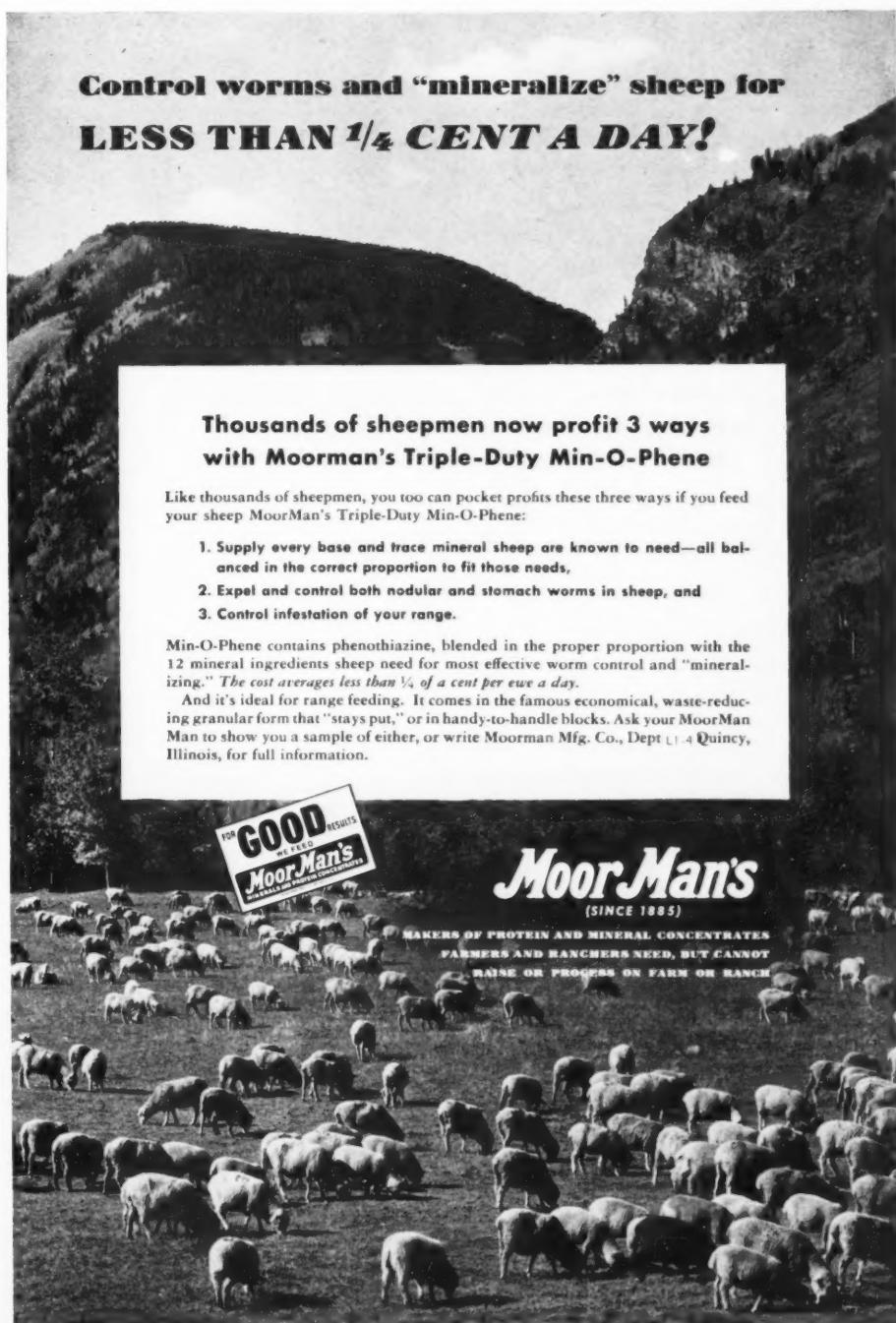
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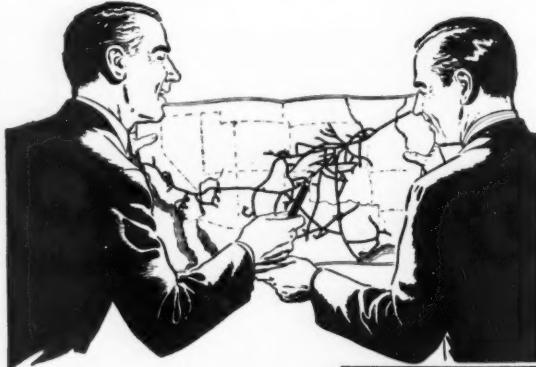


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Major Sheep Winners in Houston Stock Show

SHEEP OPEN class winners at the Houston Fat Stock Show, January 31—February 11 were judged by J. E. Tatum, Rambouillet and Corriedale classes were captured by Noelke and Owens of Sheffield; Hampshire by T. B. Hinton of Keller and Mrs. Annie E. Wilson of Plano; Shropshire by J. M. Raiden and Son of Honey Grove; Southdown by Aime F. Real of Kerrville and J. M. Raiden and Son; Suffolk by Trans-Pecos Ranch, Fort Stockton and Delaine-Merino by R. R. Walston of Menard and Owen Bragg of Talpa.

RAMBOUILLET

4 to 6-tooth ram — first, Ervin E. Vassar, Dixon, California; second, Noelke and Owens, Sheffield. 2-tooth ram — first and second, Noelke and Owens, third, Ervin E. Vassar. Ram lamb — first, Noelke and Owens; second and third, Ervin E. Vassar. Champion ram — Ervin E. Vassar. Reserve champion ram — Noelke and Owens.

4 to 6-tooth ewe — first and second, Ervin E. Vassar; third, Noelke and Owens. 2-tooth ewe — first, Noelke and Owens; second and third, Ervin E. Vassar. Ewe lamb — first and second, Noelke and Owens.

Champion ewe — Ervin E. Vassar. Reserve champion ewe — Ervin E. Vassar.

Get of sire — first, Ervin E. Vassar; second, Noelke and Owens.

Exhibitor's flock — Noelke and Owens.

Lamb flock — Noelke and Owens.

CORRIE

4 to 6-tooth ram — first, Noelke and Owens, Sheffield; second, Jules Ray Gibson, Johnson City, third, Noelke and Owens.

2-tooth ram — first and second, Noelke and Owens.

Ram lamb — first and second, Noelke and Owens; third, Jules Ray Gibson.

Champion ram — Noelke and Owens.

Reserve champion ram — J. M. Raiden and Son.

4 to 6-tooth ewe — first and second, J. M. Raiden and Son; third, A. C. Stewart.

2-tooth ewe — J. M. Raiden and Son.

Reserve champion ram — Noelke and Owens. 4 to 6-tooth ewe — first and second, Noelke and Owens; third, Jules Ray Gibson. 2-tooth ewe — first and second, Noelke and Owens.

Ewe lamb — first and second, Noelke and Owens.

Champion ewe — Noelke and Owens.

Reserve champion ewe — Jules Ray Gibson.

Get of sire — first, Noelke and Owens; second, Jules Ray Gibson.

Exhibitor's flock — Noelke and Owens.

Lamb flock — first, Noelke and Owens; second, Jules Ray Gibson.

HAMPSHIRE

4 to 6-tooth ram — first and second, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson, Plano; third, Albert Smyth, Abbotford, B. C.

2-tooth ram — first and third, T. R. Hinton Keller; second, Joe M. Brown Jr., Alvin.

Ram lamb — first, T. R. Hinton, second and third, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson.

Champion ram — T. R. Hinton.

Reserve champion ram — Mrs. Annie E. Wilson.

4 to 6-tooth ewe — first and second, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson, third, Buckman and Vassar, Dixon, California.

2-tooth ewe — first, T. R. Hinton, second, Buckman and Vassar; third, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson.

Ewe lamb — first, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson, second and third, T. R. Hinton.

Champion ewe — Mrs. Annie E. Wilson.

Reserve champion ewe — Mrs. Annie E. Wilson.

Get of sire — first, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson; second, Albert Smyth; third, Buckman and Vassar.

Exhibitor's flock — first, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson, second, Buckman and Vassar; third, Albert Smyth.

Lamb flock — first, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson; second, Buckman and Vassar; third, Albert Smyth.

SHROPSHIRE

4 to 6-tooth ram — A. C. Stewart, Abbotford, B. C.

Ram lamb — first and second, J. M. Raiden and Son, Honey Grove; third, A. C. Stewart.

Champion ram — J. M. Raiden and Son.

Reserve champion ram — J. M. Raiden and Son.

4 to 6-tooth ewe — first and second, J. M. Raiden and Son; third, A. C. Stewart.

2-tooth ewe — J. M. Raiden and Son.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB AT HOUSTON — Martin Mohr, left, holds his Southdown lamb which he fed and showed to championship honors at the Houston Fat Stock Show. A 4-H member, Martin is the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mohr of the Rheingold Community. This is the first year he has had a lamb feeding project. The lamb sold at auction for \$1,150. At right is Charles Stone, county agent and sponsor. Reserve champion lamb, also a Southdown, of the Houston Show was exhibited by Thomas Pape, FFA member of Fredericksburg.

Ewe lamb — first and second: J. M. Raiden and Son, third: A. C. Stewart.
 Champion ewe — J. M. Raiden and Son.
 Reserve champion ewe — J. M. Raiden and Son.
 Get of sire — first: J. M. Raiden and Son, second: A. C. Stewart.
 Exhibitor flock — first: J. M. Raiden and Son, second: A. C. Stewart.
 Lamb flock — first: J. M. Raiden and Son, second: A. C. Stewart.

SOUTHDOWN

4 to 6-tooth ram — first: J. M. Raiden and Son, second: Ervin E. Vassar, third: A. C. Stewart.
 2-tooth ram — Aime F. Real, Kerrville.
 Ram lamb — first: A. C. Stewart, second: E. L. Dorn and Son, Colorado City, third: J. M. Raiden and Son.
 Champion ram — Aime F. Real.
 Reserve champion ram — J. M. Raiden and Son.
 4 to 6-tooth ewe — first and third: Aime F. Real, second: A. C. Stewart.
 2-tooth ewe — first: J. M. Raiden and Son, second: A. C. Stewart.
 Ewe lamb — first: A. C. Stewart, second: E. L. Dorn and Son, third: Aime F. Real.
 Champion ewe — A. C. Stewart.
 Reserve champion ewe — Aime F. Real.
 Get of sire — first: A. C. Stewart, second: J. M. Raiden and Son.
 Exhibitor's flock — first: Aime F. Real, second: A. C. Stewart, third: J. M. Raiden and Son.
 Lamb flock — first: A. C. Stewart, second: J. M. Raiden and Son.

SUFFOLK

4 to 6-tooth ram — first and second: Ervin E. Vassar, third: Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch, Fort Stockton.
 2-tooth ram — first and second: A. C. Stewart.
 Ram lamb — first: Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch, second: Ervin E. Vassar.
 Champion ram — Ervin E. Vassar.
 Reserve champion ram — Ervin E. Vassar.
 4 to 6-tooth ewe — first and third: Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch, second: Ervin E. Vassar.
 2-tooth ewe — first: Ervin E. Vassar, second: A. C. Stewart.
 Ewe lamb — first and third: Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch, second: A. C. Stewart.
 Champion ewe — Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch.
 Reserve champion ewe — Ervin E. Vassar.
 Get of sire — first: Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch, second: Ervin E. Vassar, third: A. C. Stewart.
 Exhibitor's flock — first: Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch, second: Ervin E. Vassar, third: A. C. Stewart.
 Lamb flock — first: Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch, second: Ervin E. Vassar, third: A. C. Stewart.

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4 to 6-tooth ram — first: Owen Bragg, Talla-
 pa, second: T. G. Gromatzky, Pottsville, third:
 H. C. and G. H. Johanson, Brady.
 2-tooth ram — first and third: R. R. Wal-
 ston, second: Owen Bragg.
 Ram lamb — first and third: Owen Bragg.
 Champion ram — Owen Bragg.
 Reserve champion ram — R. R. Walston.
 4 to 6-tooth ewe — first and second: R. R. Wal-
 ston, second: Owen Bragg.
 Ewe lamb — first and second: R. R. Wal-
 ston, third: H. C. and G. H. Johanson.
 Lamb flock — first and second: R. R. Wal-
 ston, third: Owen Bragg.
 Champion ewe — R. R. Walston.
 Reserve champion ewe — R. R. Walston.
 Get of sire — first: R. R. Walston, second:
 Owen Bragg, third: H. C. and G. H. Johanson.
 Exhibitor's flock — first: R. R. Walston, second: T. G. Gromatzky.
 Lamb flock — T. G. Gromatzky.

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Wether lamb — first: Loren Skasky, Kingfisher, Oklahoma, second and third: Lester Byrd, Wingate.

Pen of 3 wether lambs — first: Loren Skasky, second: Lester Byrd; third: Horace Edwards, San Angelo.

SOUTHDOWN

Wether lamb — first: Myron Hillman, Mil-
 lin, second: Lester Byrd, third: Paul Junne-
 man, Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Pen of 3 wether lambs — first: Doc Clark, Franklin, Oklahoma; second: Ralph Hansen, Kingfisher, Oklahoma; third: Edward Brede-
 meyer, Winters.

SHROPSHIRE

Wether lamb — first and second: Kingfisher FFA, Kingfisher, Oklahoma; third: Freddie Max Stiles, Roby.

Pen of 3 wether lambs — first: Kingfisher FFA, Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

HAMPSHIRE

Wether lamb — first: Kingfisher FFA, King-
 fisher, Oklahoma.

Pen of 3 wether lambs — first: Edwards
 Brothers, San Angelo; second: Hubert Edwards, San Angelo; third: Kingfisher FFA.

SUFFOLK

Wether lamb — first and second: Edwards
 Brothers, third: Kyle Wright, Ingram.

Pen of 3 wether lambs — Edwards Brothers, Water, lamb — first and third: Edwards
 Brothers; second: Hubert Edwards.

Pen of 3 wether lambs — Hubert Edwards.

CORRIDALE

Wether lamb — first: Kyle Wright; second:
 Donald Hagermann, La Grange.

CROSSBRED

Wether lamb — first: Louis Bryce, Lawton,
 Oklahoma; second: J. L. Stewardson, Santa
 Anna; third: George Powell, Colorado City.

Pen of 3 wether lambs — first: Jerry Ben-
 ton, San Saba; second: Barbara Harral,
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Wool and Mohair Market Report

By Sheep and Goat Raiser Boston Bureau

THE ACTUAL movement of domestic wools and wool by products in the channels of trade has continued slow and irregular all during the month as a result of the price freeze and the absence of ceilings for civilian trade. A majority of the sales consummated have been for the account of firms working on defense orders, because the raw material and finished items, yarns and cloth, are free from ceilings up to April 1. Wool trade factors including merchants and brokers report sales on the street as showing very little change in the trend of prices or the amount of business transacted daily as the Government has furnished practically the only outlet of any importance. Small weights of the fiber have been purchased by those who have ceilings established during the base period, but the volume has been of minor importance.

Topmakers and manufacturers were confident that a price formula would be worked out in a short space of time following the end of the base period January 26. Some attempts have been made to provide ceilings for those who did not buy or sell in the base period, but there has been almost no accomplishment thus far.

The Commodity Credit Corporation announces that purchases of wool under Announcement L S 262 dated December 6, 1950 are hereby suspended until further notice. This particular order has reference to the 30,000,000 pounds of wool to be purchased for stockpiling which the CCC was asked to buy. Wool merchants are of the opinion that this change may be due to the meeting scheduled

in Washington whereby the North Atlantic Pact countries are getting together in the purchase of strategic materials.

This past week the Government Agency OPS approved a 15% hike in carpet and rug prices, and this has encouraged the trade in low and coarse wools to feel that real relief was in sight even though carpet wools are not produced in this country except in very small quantities. In this particular instance retailers will be permitted to pass along to their customers the exact dollar and cents increases reflected in the cost to them of the carpet and rugs they offer for sale. It is reasoned that a similar plan might be workable in the merchandising of yarns and cloth for the manufacture of the apparel items in both men's and women's wear and thereby pass along to the consumer the exact increases reflected in the costs to the mill men of the merchandise they offer to the cuttersup and producers of knitted outerwear.

Domestic wools has been featured by sale of Bright Delaine fleeces of choice descriptions at \$4.00 clean basis. These transactions, however, did not involve any large weights of the fiber, but nevertheless established the market on the \$4.00 basis. Combing length bright high halfblood 60-

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CHAMPION SUFFOLK RAM

The Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch, Fort Stockton, won the major part of the several shows entered in 1951 and this ram was a major prize winner in the show flock. The Trans-Pecos ranch was also winner of the Golden Trophy award presented the exhibitor of the first place two-tooth rams.

64s were traded at \$3.75 and medium three-eighths 56-58s bright fleeces have brought \$1.67 greasy which means \$2.95 to \$3.00 clean basis and higher depending on the lot. Average bright quarterblood fleeces have been turned at the same range of values. There is, however, a very limited trading in the fiber pending the release of ceilings by the Office of Price Stabilization.

Early shorn fleeces are beginning to come on the Eastern markets with prices quoted at \$1.35 greasy for an average wool estimated to shrink around 60% which means in the range of \$3.35 to \$3.40 clean basis to the grower. Medium fleeces from the State of New York have been turned at \$1.55 and a fraction higher greasy. Good medium types from sections adjoining the Ohio area brought \$1.60 greasy. Actual sales are going slow pending the advent of warmer weather in order that shearing will not have too much effect on the sheep at lambing time.

Territory Wools

The resale of early contracts of territory wools is being reported and some new business was placed in the Northwest at the close of the week. Contracts at \$1.50 grease basis were reported from Utah and around \$1.35 in Wyoming. Low grade territory wools containing a percentage of medium types were reported sold as high as \$1.60 in the grease to mill men in the Western area of the country.

A limited contracting of Texas 8-months' wools has taken place in the country at \$1.50 and a little higher greasy said to mean a clean basis price of \$3.40 delivered East. The types involved in the transactions were mostly of the better wools estimated to cost as high as \$3.50 clean basis delivered East.

Mohair is being sold at present in the country at \$1.90 in the original package FOB Texas shipping point. Kid mohair of the better classes has

brought as high as \$2.35 for hair being shorn today. The production of mohair is being reported at a new low, in fact, the smallest since 1927. The Department of Agriculture has released statistics on mohair production in the seven leading states in 1950 showing a total of 14,561,000 pounds which is a little less than the 1949 production of 14,600,000 pounds. The number of goats shorn in the 1950 season totaled 2,775,000 head or about 3% below the previous season. The average weight of hair shorn per animal including both adult and kid goats was 5.2 pounds. The ten year average was reported at 4.9 pounds.

Foreign Wool

Cables from the Colonies report strong markets with Bradford and local speculators active buyers. Discolored wools are being offered in abundance. Importing brokers here such as Prouvost, Lefevre & Company are quoting Type 204K - very burly pieces and bellies short and inferior 64s and/or up in grade at \$3.44 clean basis in bond. Inferior lots and/or crutchings rather seedy occasional burl 64 60s in grade \$2.57. It is not difficult to see from these figures that prices are being maintained in the Colonies. The same broker offered here Australian scoured skin wool similar BWC 823, 59 60s in grade at \$3.20 and air samples are being shown.

The markets of Australia closed exceedingly strong for the Easter holidays to re-open April 2 at Sydney and Melbourne. Perth is scheduled to sell two days next week Monday and Tuesday with an offering of 34,000 bales.

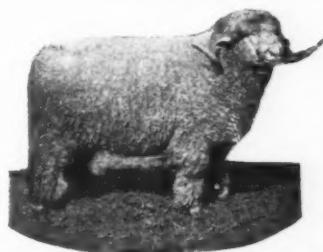
Advices from Buenos Aires to this country report sales to the United States as having fallen off somewhat during the month of February due to the reported freezing of prices for the United States textile industry. Nevertheless sizable sales have continued to be made to the United States.

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CHAMPION SUFFOLK EWE

The Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch of Johnny Bryan, Ft. Stockton, showed this fine ewe to the championship at Houston and other shows of this spring. Gene Norman holding.



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New Type Range Seeder

DO YOU know that cattle and sheep can plant their own grass?

This may sound crazy, but two Phoenix men have invented a range seeder which fastens under a cow's neck like a cowbell. This device is said to drop one to three seeds every time a cow lowers its head to graze, and according to the inventors who have stopped to count the operation, a forage grazing animal raises and lowers its head twenty to thirty times every minute.

This range seeder will hold seed for a week or more before it is necessary to refill it. James Mackenzie, of Phoenix, and formerly of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, thought out the idea years ago when doing cattle and sheep ranging in Colorado. It wasn't until Mackenzie got together with Walter Miller here in Phoenix that he was able to get a good working model of the range seeder.

The seeder itself was designed by Miller who has designed many inventions and devices during the last ten years. According to Miller, this range seeder puts the seed where land is fertile and where there is moisture and vegetation. Instead of depositing the seed in arid ground as in the case of most seeding methods, the range seeder drops the seed exactly where it will do the most good.

The seeder itself is an unique fool-proof mechanical device. By the movement of the cow itself, the seeds are agitated mechanically so that they will not cake on the bottom of the seeder. There are two flat disks one above the other. As the cow raises or lowers its head, holes in the moveable disks match up and drop out the seed. The seeder will use almost any kind of seed.

The device, its inventors say, will be obtainable at a low cost per seeder after the seeders are put into production. Mackenzie maintains with a band of 1400 sheep it would be necessary to only have 14 range seeders in all, putting the seeder on one sheep in every 100.

The inventors claim that this method will bring results with little seed waste and low cost.

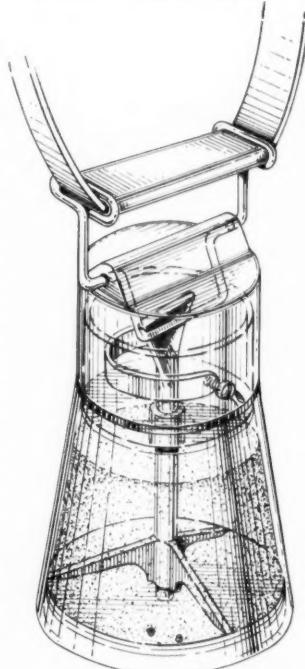
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RUDE SURPRISE

THE JOINT Mexico-United States anti-afosta commission, which has been waging war against the dread disease since December 1946, received a rude surprise February 26 when a Corpus Christi, Texas, newspaper reported that two smugglers had been arrested for bringing nine cattle, one of them with foot-and-mouth disease, across the Texas border. Both men were arrested and charged with smuggling animals into the United States. Official investigation proved that the animal which was reported to have foot-and-mouth disease, was badly tick-infested. This case, however, impressed on commission officials the necessity for increasing vigilance along the border.



The device hangs on the cow's neck like a cowbell and will drop one to three seeds every time a cow lowers its head to graze. It may sound a little fantastic, but the man who thought out this remarkable device is a seasoned cowman. He says, "It will plant the seeds where there is vegetation and moisture — good growing soil."



Here is an artist's drawing of this "cowbell" seeder. The movement of the cow agitates the seeds mechanically inside the seeder. On the bottom of the seeder are two flat disks one above the other. As the cow raises or lowers its head, holes in the moveable disks match up and drop out the seed. The inventors say the range seeder will hold seed for a week or more before it is necessary to refill the device.

Russell Martin of Del Rio sold 470 head of 2-year-old, fall-shorn ewes. Some of the ewes were with lambs. E. H. Coffield, Del Rio buyer, made the purchase at \$45 on the pairs and \$35 on the dry ewes. The sale was for immediate delivery from the Burton Ranch between Kerrville and Rocksprings.

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THE EIGHTEENTH annual San Angelo Fat Stock Show, March 1-3, was a good livestock show. It was the greatest sheep show, both in numbers and competition, in the state this year. This was the first time in many years that the rodeo had not been held in conjunction with the stock show and observers were anxious to see what effect this would have on spectator interest. As a result more people watched the judging than ever before, and good crowds continued throughout the three-day show. Weather conditions, although somewhat gusty, were not severe.

In the Men's Breeding Sheep classes Noelke and Owens of Sheffield won a lion's share of the Rambouillet honors; R. R. Walston of Menard topped the Delaine show; Truett Stanford of Eldorado and Noelke and Owens of Sheffield dominated the Corriedale awards. J. M. Raiden and Son of Honey Grove took the major Southdown honors, while Mrs. Ammie Wilson of Plano swept the field with her Hampshires.

Joe Carroll Smith of Marathon FFA had the champion fat lamb of the show which sold at \$10 a pound for a total of \$1,450. In the fat lamb division 1,159 lambs were entered. Some 400 were sifted and about 600 went through the auction ring.

Top show results follow:

MEN'S SHOW

RAMBOUILLET

4 to 6-tooth ram — first, Rod Richardson of Iran, second, Noelke and Owens of Sheffield, and third, J. B. Miller of Ozona.

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Ewe lamb — first and second, Mrs. Ammie Wilson.

Champion ewe — R. L. Buckman.

Reserve champion ewe — Mrs. Ammie Wilson.

Lamb flock — first, Mrs. Ammie Wilson. Get of sire — first, Mrs. Ammie Wilson; second, E. E. Vassar.

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2-tooth ewe — J. M. Raiden and Son.

Ewe lamb — first and second, J. M. Raiden and Son.

Champion ewe — J. M. Raiden and Son. Reserve champion ewe — J. M. Raiden and Son.

Lamb flock — J. M. Raiden and Son. Get of sire — J. M. Raiden and Son.

Exhibitor's flock — J. M. Raiden and Son.

DELAINE

4 to 6-tooth ram — first, Dale Herring of Talpa; second, Owen Bragg of Talpa.

2-tooth ram — first, R. R. Walston of Menard; second, Owen Bragg; third, J. C. King of Talpa.

Ram lamb — first, Dale Herring; second, Owen Bragg; third, G. A. Glimp of Burnet.

Champion ram — R. R. Walston.

Reserve champion ram — Dale Herring.

Pen of 3 ram lambs — first, G. A. Glimp; second, J. C. King; third, Owen Bragg.

4 to 6-tooth ewe — first and second, R. R. Walston; third, Owen Bragg.

2-tooth ewe — first and second, Owen Bragg; third, C. F. Sappington of Talpa.

Ewe lamb — first and second, R. R. Walston; third, Dale Herring.

Champion ewe — R. R. Walston.

Reserve champion ewe — R. R. Walston.

Lamb flock — first, G. A. Glimp; second, C. F. Sappington; third, Dale Herring.

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Exhibitor's flock — first, R. R. Walston; second, Dale Herring; third, C. F. Sappington.

BOYS' SHOW

RAMBOUILLET

Winners in the boys' ewe lamb class were both holders of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association state sheep and goat award. Fred Rose, who had the first place winner, received the award in 1949. Clinton Hodges owner of the second place lamb, was the 1950 recipient.

Ram lamb — first, Fred Rose of Del Rio; second, Clinton Hodges of Sterling City; third, Hadley and Benton Wardlaw of Del Rio.

2-tooth ram lamb — first, Fred Rose; second, Wade Thomason of Brownwood; third, Clinton Hodges.

Champion ram lamb — Fred Rose.

Reserve champion ram lamb — Wade Thomason.

Ewe lamb — first, Fred Rose; second, Clinton Hodges; third, F. H. Whitehead, Jr. of Del Rio.

2-tooth ewe lamb — first, Wade Thomason; second, David Fowler of Ballinger; third, Perry Calk of Comstock.

Champion ewe lamb — Wade Thomason.

Reserve champion ewe lamb — Fred Rose.

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3-tooth ram — first, Stanford Brothers.

Champion ram lamb — Stanford Brothers.

Reserve champion ram lamb — Stanford Brothers.

Ewe lamb — first, Willie Leo Ivy second and third, Stanford Brothers.

2-tooth ewe lamb — Stanford Brothers.

Champion ewe lamb — Stanford Brothers.

Reserve champion ewe lamb — Willie Leo Ivy.

DELAINE

Ram lamb — first, Edward Walker of Harper; second, Rex Bomar of Talpa; third, Edward Walker.

2-tooth ram — first, Joe Alcorn of Talpa; second, Dale Herring.

Champion ram lamb — Joe Alcorn.

Reserve champion ram lamb — Edward Walker.

Ewe lamb — first, Edward Walker; second, Dale Herring; third, Rex Bomar.

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2-tooth ewe — first, Joe Alcorn; second, Millard Leon Bennett; third, Millard Leon Bennett.

Champion ewe — Joe Alcorn.

Reserve champion ewe — Millard Leon Bennett.

BOYS' FAT LAMBS

Heavy crossbred lambs — first, Carroll Joe Smith of Marathon; second, Jack Mundt of Eldorado; third, Jimmy Johnson of San Angelo.

Lightweight crossbred lambs — first, Marvin Stephenson of San Angelo; second, Wayne Babcock of San Angelo; third, Billy Erod of Odessa.

Champion crossbred — Carroll Joe Smith.

Reserve champion crossbred — Marvin Stephenson.

Heavy fine wool lambs — first, Eugene Wester of San Angelo; second, Billy Ray Weathers of Santa Anna; third, Milton Arrott of Miles.

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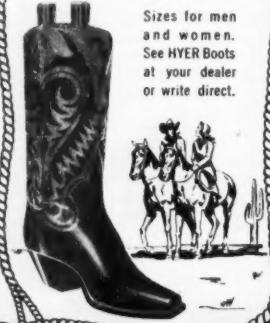
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**SAN ANGELO
SHEEP SHOW**

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Arrott of Miles, second, Bill Carwile of Robert Lee, third, Bob Frizzell of Garden City.

Shorn fine wool lambs — first, Eugene Wester, second, Donald Baker of San Angelo; third, Marvin Stephenson.

Champion fine wool lamb — Eugene Wester's heavy lamb.

Reserve champion fine wool lamb — Eugene Wester's short-wool lamb.

Grand champion lamb — Carroll Joe Smith.

Reserve grand champion Eugene Wester.

Group of 25 fine wool lambs — first, Schleicher County 4-H.

Group of 25 crossbred lambs — first, Schleicher County 4-H; second, San Angelo FFA.

Champion group of 25 — Schleicher 4-H Crossbreds.

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ENCLOSED find check for \$5.00 for renewal of my subscription. I like your magazine very much. Your Christmas number was very excellent. On February 23, I shipped by air express to the Colombian government of South America 9 Oxford ewes and 3 Oxford Rams. They are for experiment work in wool production by the Colombian government and were shipped to Medellin, Colombia, S. A. On the same plane were 6 Oxford ewes and 2 Oxford rams from Van Vleet Brothers of Lodi, New York. They were loaded at Teterboro Airport, New Jersey, which is the New York airport, being only 8 miles from George Washington bridge. The plane was to stop at Miami, Florida, for inspection of papers on all animals before leaving the United States.

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WOOL MARKET

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States and the wool market in general has remained very firm. Current prices for low crossbreds are reportedly up about 15%, for medium crossbreds about 20% and for fine wools approximately 10% over those existing at the time of our last report. Europe, principally Belgium, France

and Italy have continued to purchase fine and medium crossbreds during the past month.

Imports of foreign wools are causing difficulty for the mills as labor troubles have prevented moving the wools from the docks as they arrive, and in addition is holding wool already in the warehouses that should be going into production. Richard D. Chase, Traffic Manager for the Boston Wool Trade Association states that the receipts at Boston in February were averaging more than 8,000,000 pounds weekly actual weight. In

addition he said that last week he was advised that 68 boats were due here within six weeks. It is a safe estimate that 95% of the cargoes of the 68 boats would be wool because the Government has been buying abroad steadily up to this week in addition to local importing merchants.

Charles H. Chaney, Utopia, reports that he has purchased the Suffolk flock of Leslie A. McMains of Uvalde.

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SHEEP & GOAT RAISER

David W. Fowler, Ballinger youth now owns 15 Registered Rambouillet Ewes and plans to buy more. He ordered a supply of breeders signs at San Angelo Fat Stock Show and stated that he planned to join the Association in the near future.



By JACK B. TAYLOR

Rambouillet Breeders Anticipate Good Ram Sales for 1951

THE 1951 Ram Sale season holds history's greatest promise for registered Rambouillet breeders. Wool has reached fabulous prices and breeding ewes have advanced so rapidly that new records are set almost every day. Our government must encourage greater wool production to clothe our increasing civilian population and meet the needs of our armed forces.

The decided swing to fine wool breeding stock, as illustrated by prices paid for Rambouillet rams at last year's auction sales, may be even more pronounced this year. The price spread between fine wool and $\frac{1}{4}$ blood wool is the widest on record. The United States produces only one out of every seven pounds of fine wool consumed.

Official surveys of stock sheep numbers in the United States show an increase in 1950 for the first time in eight years. Over-all increase is 4%, while ewe lamb numbers increased 14%. These figures show that more rams will be needed in 1951; yet, the supply may be smaller. Some breeders were forced to sell ram lambs, ordinarily held over, to meet the needs of their customers.

Almost all existing ram sale records were broken in 1950. The top selling ram in the nation, a Rambouillet, brought \$2500.00 at the National Ram Sale in Salt Lake City. This was the highest price paid for a ram in the United States during the last thirty years and the third highest in history. The 20 Rambouillet stud rams averaged \$706.25, the 237 Rambouillets averaged \$222.72, while the average on the total 1393 rams of all breeds was \$171.53. Possibly a world record for a pen of rams was made at the San Angelo Rambouillet Ram Sale when a pen of 5 rams averaged \$610.00 each. A new top price for a single ram sold in Texas was \$1150.00 established at this sale.

Since the record breaking 1950 ram sale season closed, wool prices have almost doubled, fat lambs have sold for \$40.00 per hundred weight at Chicago, and breeding ewes have sold for over \$50.00 with good replacement ewe lambs being contracted for breeders at well above slaughter prices.

Registered Rambouillet breeders have good reason to be optimistic toward 1951.

Since March 23, the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association has issued memberships to: Clark Mortenson - Ephraim, Utah; L. F. Abernathy - Millersview, Texas, son of J. A. Abernathy also a member; H. B. Woodley and Son - Brownwood, Texas; R. C. Wood - Ephraim, Utah; Lester Kelstrom - Freda, North Dakota and W. N. Roles - Bangs, Texas.

Lester Kelstrom, a new member from Freda, North Dakota, wrote that 8 or 10 years ago he owned a thousand grade Rambouillet Ewes, but turned to cross-breeding. He is now going back to Rambouillets and has purchased 53 Registered Rambouillets from Thomas Pfister and Sons, of Node, Wyoming.

The Association office recently had a request for a list of Breeders from a sheepman at Saskatchewan, Canada. He has purchased Registered Rambouillets before and is looking for some more.

Pat Rose, Jr., of Del Rio, Texas bought the two Registered Ewes Paul Phillips of Eldorado brought to the San Angelo Fat Stock Show. Purchase price was \$150.00 each.

James A. Gray, Texas Extension Sheep Specialist, announced the purchase of a 4 to 6 tooth Ram from Noelke and Owens, Sheffield, Texas at \$600.00 for the Sears Foundation.

Ralph S. Yohe, Farm Service Editor

LIVESTOCK

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get into print. But it is scarcity of lambs during this inbetween season on one hand, and military pressure for wool on the other. Shearing pelts are discounted sharply, length of wool fiber never having been so important, which importance will weave its way through spring lambs from California to Virginia and on down into Texas and New Mexico. One feature is that spring lamb carcasses and cuts are ceilinged at the same prices as old crop lamb, yet over the years early milk lambs always brought a premium. But as lambs of all weights making a certain grade, are sold, if possible, at the ceiling for that grade, the old bugaboo of bearing down on lambs scaling over 100 lbs. has passed, temporarily at least. The same thing will apply to beef and steers of various weights, at least while fed cattle are scarce. But a disappointing small cattle run is sure to expand sharply in 60 to 90 days. What then? No big-weight steers are running now, but lambs averaging 117 lbs. topped the \$42.00 market at mid-March. At

since the record breaking 1950 ram sale season closed, wool prices have almost doubled, fat lambs have sold for \$40.00 per hundred weight at Chicago, and breeding ewes have sold for over \$50.00 with good replacement ewe lambs being contracted for breeders at well above slaughter prices.

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Going on to a ceiling on hogs with pork "frozen" but not graded, the underground has had it for some time that the roof to be set by stabilizers would be around \$24.00. But now the story is that \$22.50 and \$23.00 live hogs won't cut out, in short won't fit in with pork ceiling prices. Hence many are readjusting their hog ceiling ideas downward—just comfortably above parity, or closer to \$22.00 than \$24.00.

of the "Prairie Farmer," let his membership in the Association lapse during the war. He recently sent in a reinstatement fee and started catching up on his Registrations.

Leonard Richardson of Iraan, Texas now owns a pair of rubber boots which is not standard equipment for Pecos County Ranchmen. The sprinkler irrigation system is going full steam on the Richardson's new farm. Leonard is Rambouillet Director of the Texas Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association and attended a directors' meeting at Coleman March 22.

Ed Ratliff, Registered Rambouillet Breeder from Bronte, Texas visited the Association Office recently. He is feeling very well, after being dangerously ill during the summer. Mr. Ratliff reports a 100% lamb crop this year and the loss of only one sheep — a ewe that got tangled in cat claw. He has started selling Rams and expects to average \$100.00 on all his Rams this year. One 7 year old Registered Ewe with twin ewe lambs at her side was sold to Marcus Joe Bryan of Guion, Texas at \$150.00.

"Meaty News" for March 1951, published by the American Meat Institute, states that stock sheep numbers during 1950 show an increase

for the first time in 8 years. The total increase is 4%, but Ewe lamb numbers increased 14%. This should indicate a strong demand for Rams.

Many Breeders have been overheard discussing prices Range Rams should bring this year that would be fair to both the Breeder and Commercial Producer. When lambs were \$5.00 per head, range rams sold for \$25.00. Now a 70 lb. lamb is worth \$25.00 and on a comparative basis, good range rams should be worth \$125.00.

Progressive sheepmen say a good range ram should be worth as much as three yearling ewes. With yearling ewes bringing \$40.00 - \$50.00, a ram should be worth \$120.00 - \$150.00.

Boys Work Toward Ending National Wool Crisis

As the 1951 Fat Stock Show Season draws to a close, we find there has been a decided increase in number of farm and ranch boys raising registered Rambouillet breeding sheep. This practical 4-H Club and FFA project has paid nice dividends for a profitable occupation. With our present critical wool shortage, the future of our sheep industry may well rest on the shoulders of these young breeders.

Typical of the group may be 17 year old Fred Rose of Del Rio, Texas.

Fred has been in the registered Rambouillet business since 1941, and has an impressive show record. He took his sheep to three shows during 1951. At the Val Verde County show in Del Rio, he owned the champion Ram — winning first place in both Ram classes. Competing with men in San Antonio, he won the Reserve Champion ribbon with his first place 2 tooth Ram. In the boys Rambouillet classes at San Angelo, he again showed the champion Ram — winning both first place Ram classes, and the reserve champion Ewe.

He will enter Texas A. and M. College in September.

Kenneth Brown of San Angelo sold 1,400 yearling muttons for the XQZ Ranch and 150 of his own muttons at 29 cents a pound out of the wool. Delivery date was set for May 10 to 15. The muttons weighed 87 pounds. Sale was made through Mid-West Feed Yards.

Walton Kothmann of Menard bought 1,200 to 1,500 yearling muttons at Uvalde from Bill Locklear. Kothmann purchased 1,400 from Leo Hoffman and Marvin McMullan of Mason. Merlin Rogers of Menard sold Kothmann 1,000 yearling muttons. All these are to be delivered in April.

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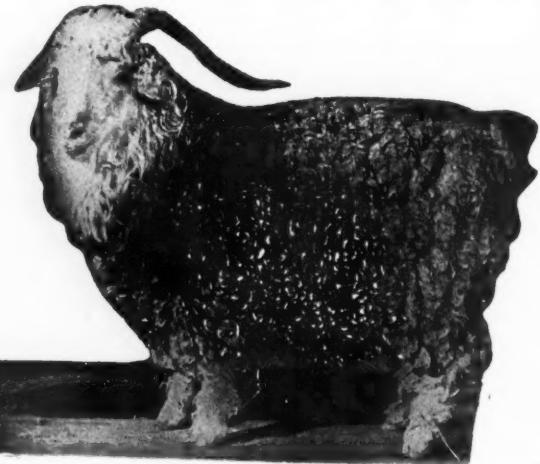
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WASTE AND EXTRAVAGANCE MENACE NATIONAL SECURITY

THE ADMINISTRATION has proposed that \$71.6 billion of taxes be raised for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1951. This is nearly as much as total national income for the pre-war year 1939. To finance our defense program, high taxes are inevitable and every effort should be made to operate on a pay-as-you-go basis. Since this will mean sacrifices on the part of everyone, it is highly essential that the Federal Government as well as all political sub-divisions should cut non-essentials to the bone.

Nevertheless, we are told that the budget is "tight" and that all items are sacrosanct. Various authorities, liberal as well as conservative, however, contend that a large amount of "fat" could be cut away without impairing the functioning of the Government machine. Estimates on possible reductions in Governmental costs average around \$7 billion. This would be a substantial saving and is equivalent to total Federal expenditures in 1938. If this amount were distributed among the various states based upon their contribution to Federal taxes, New England's share would be over \$450 million.

The findings of the Hoover Commission revealed shocking waste, overlapping, duplication, and gross inefficiency of the multitudinous Government agencies and commissions and of antiquated and slothful methods of accounting. If any private business had carried on its affairs in as slip-shod a manner, it would have gone broke and been subjected to prosecution for juggling figures. A few illustrations will indicate the slackness that prevails in the Federal Government. In order to avoid having a surplus, most agencies indulge in a spurge of spending at the end of the fiscal year. The cost of paper work exceeds the cost of individual items that go to make up one-half of the three million purchase orders each year. There are, on the average, about 3.6 typewriters to every worker in the Federal Government who uses one. The cost of construction of Federal hospitals is \$30,000 per hospital bed as against \$16,000 for private hospitals. Employees in the Veterans' Administration handle on the average only about one-fourth as many insurance policies as are handled per worker in private insurance companies.

The importance of a department is usually gauged by the number of persons employed rather than by the volume of essential work performed, with the consequent inducement to over-staffing.

The number of persons on the Federal payroll in the last two decades has increased from around 600,000 to 2.2 million. This represents a gain of 261 percent, or eleven times the rate of increase in the population of the United States during this period. Classified Federal employees are entitled to five and one-half weeks' vacation and three weeks' sick leave each year, or about twice the allowance to the workers in private enterprise.

There are several thousand highly competent employees in the Federal Government and many of them are underpaid. The situation could be substantially improved by upgrading the deserving and cutting down on the labor force. Without entailing any hardship or sacrifice on the part of those employed, this could be brought about by vigorous adherence, whenever possible, to the "no hiring" policy when vacancies occur and to transferring workers now employed in the less essential Federal services to the needed defense agencies instead of recruiting help from a tight labor market. More than 500,000 workers leave the Federal service each year for one reason or another. By pooling the available personnel and assigning the workers wherever they could be most effectively utilized, it would be possible in the course of a comparatively short period to bring about a substantial reduction in the number of Governmental workers without sacrifice of essential services. Since Federal payrolls of civilian workers exceed \$7 billion, it is obvious that the taxpayers' bill could be considerably reduced under such a reorganization plan. Similar action should be taken in state and local governments.



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GATEWAY TO SOUTHWEST

TEXAS SHEEP AND LAMB PRICES ADVANCE

PRICES FOR sheep and lambs in Texas advanced around \$1 to \$2 during the first part of March but goat values declined, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration reports.

Although the advance in sheep and lambs was not sharp, it held prices at or near recent record high levels. This month's gain continues the upswing in prices which began in December. It also reflects the strong market for wool and wholesale dressed lamb.

Marketings of sheep and lambs in Fort Worth and San Antonio during the first 19 days of March showed an increase over the same period in February. However, receipts still ran considerably smaller than a year ago.

Offerings at Fort Worth through March 19 amounted to nearly 20,000 head, compared with 12,500 for the same period last month and 23,000 last year. At San Antonio, about 2,100 head had been counted so far this month, compared with 1,600 last month and 3,700 a year ago. However, with the spring movement of sheep and lambs now under way in Texas, supplies should continue to increase.

Inventories of old crop lambs in Texas on January 1 were somewhat larger than a year earlier, but the tendency to increase sheep numbers is expected to hold down marketings. Also, with the strong demand for replacement ewes, the proportion of ewe lambs going to market will probably be smaller than usual.

According to USDA, early lamb prospects in Texas are fair. The fall and winter drought stopped growth of pastures and with a shortage of green feed, most of the cured grass was grazed off this winter. As a result, feeding of concentrates was heavy and most lambs and sheep came through the winter in good condition. Marketing of grass fat lambs will probably start around mid-May while spring movement of yearlings should begin April 1 — the usual time.

High wool values and the increase in dressed lamb prices at the wholesale level were important influences in this month's live market advance. With a large part of the Texas spring clip already under contract and broad demand, buyers were urgently seeking remaining supplies of wool.

Wholesale dressed meat markets displayed unsettled condition this month, mostly as a result of new ceiling price regulations. Some of the advance came from price adjustments. Compared with the close of February trade, dressed lamb on February 19 was steady to 1c a pound higher at Chicago and 1c to 2c a pound higher at New York.

Slaughter lambs showed the most advance in Texas this month. Club lambs led the upward trend with a \$2.50 rise at Ft. Worth where offer-

ings topped at \$41 per 100 pounds. Woolled slaughter lambs went up \$1 at both Texas yards. Good and choice lots brought \$38 to \$39 at Ft. Worth and good kinds returned \$36 at San Antonio.

Shorn slaughter lambs gained \$1. Good and choice fresh shorn offerings took \$30 at San Antonio. Similar grades with No. 2 and 3 pelts cleared Ft. Worth at \$31 to \$32.50.

Milk fed lambs at Ft. Worth prove an exception to the general upward trend. Medium to choice milk fed, at \$33 to \$35, were steady to \$2 lower for the month. San Antonio moved good and choice 68 to 77 pound spring lambs at \$32.25 to \$36.

Ft. Worth turned good No. 2 pelt yearlings at \$28, while medium and good lots and two-year-olds with No. 2 pelts earned \$26.50 at San Antonio.

Ewes, in relatively small supply, sold around \$1 higher at Ft. Worth. Common and medium shorn slaughter ewes returned \$15 to \$18. At San Antonio, top grade ewes showed little change for the month but cull shorn lots gained \$2 and sold in a spread of \$14.50 to \$15.

Prices for feeder lambs displayed the least change of any class at Ft. Worth as both woolled and shorn offerings were only steady to 50c higher by mid-March. Woolled feeders changed hands at \$36 to \$38, while shorn feeders went back to the country at \$28 to \$32.50.

Woolled feeder lambs showed little change at San Antonio, but shorn kinds were steady to as much as \$2 above February's close. Medium and good woolled feeder lambs cleared the yards at \$34 and shorn lots at \$30 to \$32.

Goat trade at San Antonio during early March saw prices decline slightly. Receipts through the middle of the month totaled around 3,400 head, compared with about 2,300 for the same period last month. Mature goats slipped about 75c per 100 pounds with cull to medium shorn Angora and Spanish type quoted at \$13.50 to \$16.50 by mid-March. Kid goats were steady to only 25c per head lower. On a per head basis, kids weighing 35 to 40 pounds went at \$6 to \$7.50 while around 15 pound offerings brought \$4.

Texas cattle and hog prices also turned upward during the first half of March. Cattle prices fluctuated from steady to \$1 higher. This reflected the steady to 2c a pound advance in wholesale dressed beef. Butcher hogs looked about 50c higher but sows and pigs showed little change for the month. In contrast to live market values, wholesale dressed pork fell 1c to 3c a pound.

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Ed Bailey Joy of Roosevelt has purchased a two-tooth ram recently from Lon Culberson, registered Rambouillet breeder of Brownwood. Price was \$300.

W. L. Davis of Sonora has bought a Registered Rambouillet ram from Lon Culberson of Brownwood. The ram, a two-tooth, brought \$200.

WASHINGTON

(Continued from page 20)

represent not only labor, but also agriculture, consumers and business. They contend that "big business" is now in the saddle; that policies laid down by a board would attract more widespread public support.

There is little indication here that farm leaders are taking much interest in the labor plan. And Truman to date has given no indication that he will oppose Wilson's view that he needs all the authority he has to get the job done.

Continuing the upswing started a year ago, this year's early lamb crop is estimated at a bout 2 percent larger than last year, says USDA's Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Early lambs are reported to have made good progress in the West, but to have been slow in the Southeast due to cold weather.

The larger early crop reflects an increase in breeding ewes. Marketings of lambs before July 1 are expected to be greater than a year earlier.



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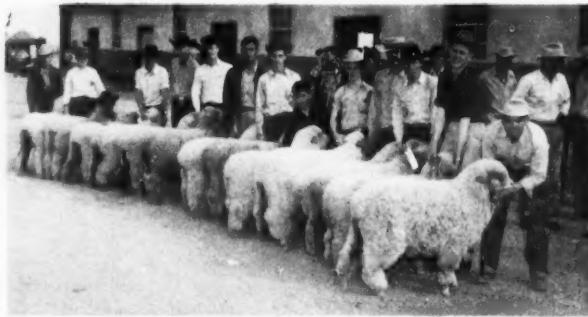
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CHAMPION, AGAIN — S. W. Dismukes of Rocksprings completed a very successful show circuit this year. He is shown here with his B-Type Buck, which was named Champion Goat of the 1951 San Antonio Livestock Exposition.



LINE-UP OF TWO-TOOTH EWES IN BOYS CLASS

Wade Thomason of Brownwood did a jam-up good job of showing Rambouillet sheep in the spring show at San Angelo. His two-tooth ewe at the head of this line-up was also champion. David Fowler, Ballinger, showed second and Perry Calk, Comstock, third in the line-up.



LINE-UP OF TWO-TOOTH RAMBOUILLET RAMS

This line-up shows Fred Rose, Del Rio with his first place two-tooth ram. Wade Thomason, Brownwood, showed second and Clinton Hodges, Sterling City, third. The Thomason ram was also reserve champion.

ANGORA PREMIUM LIST READY FOR TAGRA SHOW

THE PREMIUM list for the 1951 Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association show at Rocksprings, August 2 to 4, has been released along with rules for the annual sale to be held August 4.

Breeders desiring to enter the sale must make application for inspection of their does and bucks not later than June 1.

Consignors will be limited to 6 bucks each. Sale does will be limited

to 60 head. That number to be divided equally between breeders making application.

Judges will be Armer Earwood of Sonora for B-type goats, Marvin Skaggs of Junction for C-type, and Fred Earwood of Sonora for the Richie special awards.

The annual meeting of the association will be conducted Thursday night, August 2.

SAN ANGELO RAMBOUILLET RAM SHOW AND SALE ON JULY 9-10-11

THE RAM SALE Committee for the 1951 Registered Rambouillet Ram Show and Sale met March 13th in San Angelo, Texas, to plan the 1951 Ram Sale. This committee, appointed by the San Angelo Board of City Development, includes John Williams, Eldorado; Leo Richardson, Iraan; Clyde Thatte, Burkett; R. O. Sheffield, San Angelo; Pat Rose, Jr., Del Rio; and H. C. Noelke, Jr., Sheffield.

The Committee elected John Williams as its chairman. In a drawing from a list of Association recommended judges, Leo Richardson was elected judge to place the classes. Deadline for entries was set as June 15, 8 P. M., Rams to arrive not later than July 8th. Stud Rams will be se-

lected by a committee, to be appointed by Mr. Williams, at 8:30 A. M., July 9th. Classes will be judged at 8:30 A. M., July 10th and the Sale will begin promptly at 10 A. M., July 11th.

As in the past the sale will be limited to breeders-owners only and all Rams must be registered. A breeder will be allowed to enter a total of forty Rams — not more than ten of which may be unfitted Range Rams. All Rams will be carefully checked by the sifting committee to insure that only top quality Rams will be sold.

Health certificates will be required on all Rams.

Official entry blanks and a list of rules and regulations will be mailed by the B.C.D. to all former consignors and to others interested, on request.

WOOL HANDLERS FIGHT CEILINGS ON WOOL

R. A. WARD, general manager of the Pacific Wool Growers, 30-year-old cooperative growers' wool marketing organization, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon, was elected president of the Western Wool Handlers Association at a meeting in Salt Lake City, February 15th. H. Tysack of Craig, Colorado, was elected vice-president and O. T. Evans of Casper, Wyoming, secretary-treasurer.

No price ceilings on domestic wool was urged in a resolution passed by the Western Wool Handlers at Salt Lake. "We feel the best way to secure all-out production of wool in the United States is by placing no ceilings on domestic wool," said the resolution, the thought being that eventually ceilings on finished woolen cloth will bring about all necessary control. If ceilings are deemed necessary, however, they should not be lower than the price of foreign wools, duty paid, landed in the United States, the Western Handlers believe. The stand of this organization concurred closely to a similar resolution passed by the Portland Wool Trade Association on February 7th.

"We urge that all existing sales and purchase contracts entered into in good faith during the base period and subsequent thereto be completed in accordance with the terms of the contract," continued the resolution.

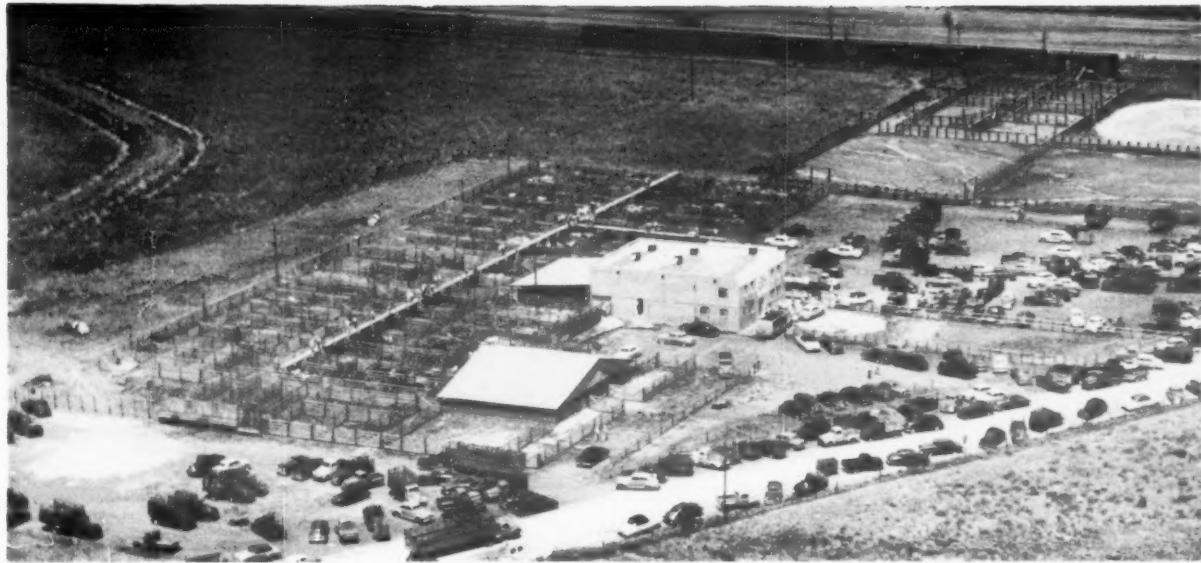
The Western Wool Handlers urged that a representative of their organization, to represent the West, be placed on the Wool Advisory Committee of the E.C.A.

In Abilene, Minor Alexander has contracted Kansas grass for some 500 cattle, mostly yearlings. The price is between \$17 and \$18 a head for the season. Summer grazing prospects are good.

Gordon Nowell of Sheffield contracted 3,000 to 4,000 mixed Rambouillet lambs for fall delivery at 35 cents a pound.

J. D. Nabors and Arley Davis of Brownwood bought some ranchland in the Camp Bowie region from F. H. Lawson of Brownwood.

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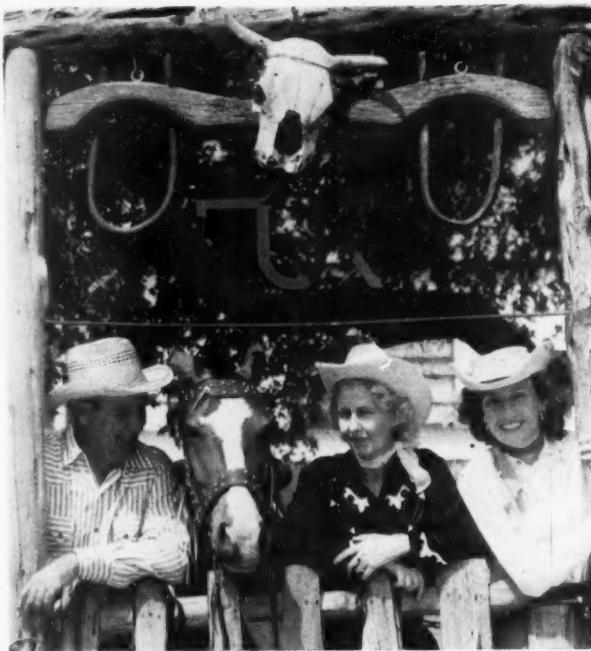
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W. W. WHITLEY

SHEEP, GOAT AND DUDE CO-OP PROVES PROFITABLE AT BANDERA

THERE IS a place in the Bandera Hills where the "twain has met" and livestock and dudes live profitably side by side. It is known today as the Dixie Dude Ranch. The front cover picture of the March Sheep and Goat Raiser was made on this ranch.

William Wallace Whitley, or Dad Whitley as he is now called, founded the Whitley Ranch over 50 years ago, starting with a horse given to him by the famous scout, William "Big Foot" Wallace, for whom he was named. The horse was branded 7UK and today the Whitley Ranch (Dixie Dude Ranch) still uses that brand. Dad Whitley continues to operate a stock raising ranch in conjunction with the dude ranching business.

For the past 14 years, the Dixie Dude Ranch has been operated as a guest ranch along with the important business of raising sheep and goats. This business of dude ranching has never interfered with stock ranching — rather quite the contrary, as money derived from the horseback riders has been used to improve the ranch, to build stock watering tanks and a lake and to buy more sheep and goats. Up until 4 years ago, Dad Whitley saddled the horses every day, took the guests on the trail trips, and performed the regular ranching activities of raising sheep and goats, rounding them up for shearing, buying and selling, and the many other things connected with handling stock.

When it got to be too much for Dad to handle alone his son, Preston Whitley, bought an adjoining ranch and has now taken over the stock raising business. The bigger the summer crop of paying guests—the more sheep and goats may be purchased. Dad's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Crowell, look after the guest trade now.

On this working stock ranch many guests enter into the ranching activities, and they enjoy taking part in the spring shearing and in the fall roundup.

At the ranch, logs are kept of humorous questions dudes have proffered in regard to ranching. One Houston dudette on hearing the term "sheep and goat raiser" is said to have asked: "What kind of a razor is a sheep and goat razor? Do they have special ones for cutting their hair?" From Galveston a young man, a college graduate asked: "Which is the male species—the sheep or the goat?" The answer to these questions are good, too.

Many of the guest ranches in the Hill Country continue to run sheep, goats and cattle. The cut in mohair production in that section is due partly to the high land prices which made it attractive for small operators, who ran a few hundred head of goats to sell out to large capital interests. These interests have restocked largely with cattle now that the sheep and goats have cleared the land.



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FLASH! — ARMED FORCES CUT USE OF NEW WOOL

THE ARMED Services plan to cut down their use of new wool by 15 percent has been announced by the Defense Department. Wool is a scarce item.

Besides using less wool the services will use lower grades of it as well as reprocessed and reused wool. Synthetic fibres also will be used where feasible.

All services now are purchasing blankets containing medium and coarse wools. The use of nylon in place of wool has been adopted by

all services in various knitted items.

New Army contracts specify that 16-ounce shirting fabric will contain 15 per cent of nylon in place of wool. In the Marine Corps all woolen and worsted fabric will contain 15 per cent Fibre V or Orlon.

The Navy plans to use only an insignificant amount of wool in cold weather clothing of which it has recently developed new types. The Navy also has taken measures to use less wool in its dress clothes and peacocks.



LAW WEST OF MEDINA — Judge Brailey of Bandera presides at the Roy Bean court during the annual Bandera Stompede, and bears the title, Law West of Medina. Note portrait of Cowboy Zeke, "High Constible" in the window. Stompede dates this year are May 4-6

COWBOYS "NATIONAL" HOLIDAY

THE FOLLOWING ad appeared recently in the Bandera Bulletin, weekly newspaper of that sheep and goat raising town: "WANTED — blowin' horns and someone with wind to blow 'em. Notify Zeke." Now Zeke is the fictitious cowboy character who epitomizes Bandera.

When "High Constible" Zeke breaks into print each spring, Texas residents know it's about time for that celebration honoring cowboys, called the "Bandera Stompede." It was Zeke who was responsible for the whole thing back in 1948 when he wrote President Truman asking that a national holiday be declared to pay tribute to the cowboy. When no order

came from Washington, the folks in Bandera decided to "stompede" from the Union, set up their own Free State, make Zeke High Constible, and hold a National Holiday for cowboys.

The Stompede always takes place the first weekend in May. The dates this year fall on May 4, 5 and 6.

Big-time rodeos, a western parade, folk dancing, armadillo races, Judge Roy Bean Court, and contests for all ages including beard contest, stock-weight guessing, old fiddler's contest, and the famous "Bell Cow Cowbelle" contest to select the most beautiful cowgirl (outside of Bandera, of course) will be featured.

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IN ANTICIPATION of the spread of sheep scab in the United States, the research staff of William Cooper & Nephews has conducted tests over the past two years for scab control. Data obtained from their research proves that a dilution of one part Cooper-Tox to 150 parts of water will give complete cure of active scab infecting both open and closed-wool breeds in a single dipping. This dipping will also afford an average protective period against reinestation for 63 days following treatment, the company claims. This means that not only can economical eradication of sheep scab in a flock be accomplished in a single dipping (approximately two cents per head), but the treated sheep are protected from scab infection for long periods after such treatment.

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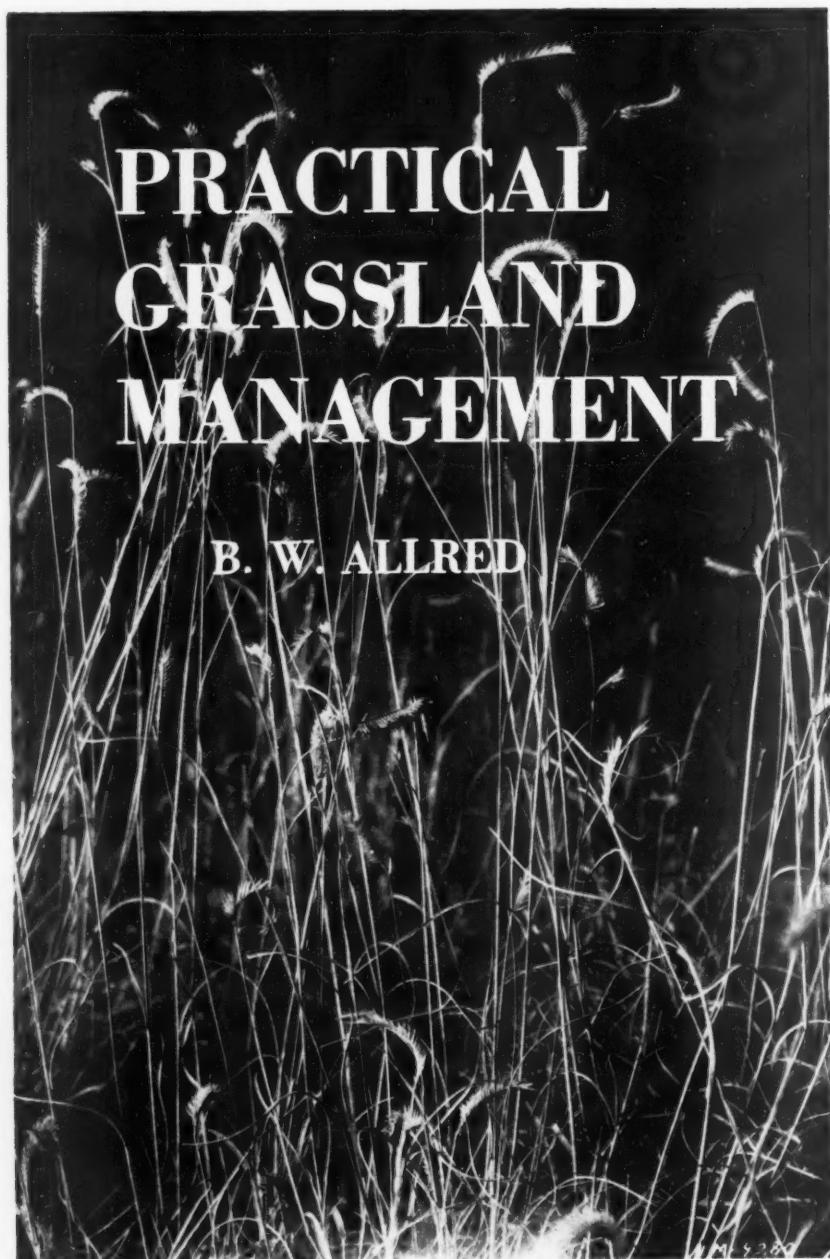
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PIONEER WORSTED COMPANY TO INSTALL WEAVING EQUIPMENT

TEXAS SHEEPMEN have noted with interest the announcement that added working capital will bring about expansion of the New Braunfels plant of Pioneer Worsted Co., manufacturers of worsted yarns, to give Texas the first fully integrated worsted factory south of the Mason and Dixon Line before the end of the year.

Installation of weaving equipment will complete the facilities needed to turn Texas-produced wool into the finest of worsted fabrics, according to Robert E. Pent, president of the company.

The first fabric to come from Pioneer Worsted looms will mark the culmination of an effort started by Pent ten years ago when he arrived in New Braunfels with twelve freight carloads of equipment and twenty years of experience in the wool business.

The native Pennsylvanian, who had gained his experience in eastern wool mills, came to Texas with the conviction that a wool scouring and combing plant, eventually to expand into a spinning and even a weaving industry, could reasonably be located near the ranches where the wool is produced.

He knew that Texas ordinarily produces some 25 per cent of the nation's wool clip. He knew that Texas producers paid out a great deal of money in freight charges on dirt and grease when they shipped their raw wool to New England markets.

"I made a tour all over the South and Southwest before deciding to es-

tablish my plant in New Braunfels," Pent recalled. "I chose this locality because of its nearness to the sheep country, its ample water supply, the availability of natural gas and the existence of the right kind of labor. Of the 125 people working in our plant when we operate at capacity, all but two are native Texans, trained right in New Braunfels."

During the first two years of its operation the factory engaged only in combing, the scouring of its wool being done in a plant at Marble Falls, since closed. Then, in 1943, Pent added scouring facilities to his own plant. He sold a large percentage of his wool tops in the eastern market.

All the while, Pent was planning further expansion. On Jan. 22, 1948, the first skein of worsted wool ever produced in Texas came off the spindles of the New Braunfels factory. By fall of that year the spinning division was in full operation. Dyeing equipment was added last year.

The production of worsted yarns has brought about a substantial increase in business volume, Pent said. Large manufacturers of clothing and sewing thread have been piling up orders for Pioneer yarns, and he explained that the speed-up of the national defense program is intensifying demand still further.

Pioneer Worsted has a capacity of 7,000,000 pounds of wool a year. When the weaving plant is in full operation the factory will be able to turn out 1,000,000 yards of worsted fabric annually.

The needed additional capital for

the plant is being provided by the sale, through Investors Trust of Texas, Inc., of 100,000 shares of common stock and a like number of shares of preferred stock. This is the first general offering of the stock of Pioneer Worsted Co.

WOOL CONTRACTING AT LOW MARK

WOOL CONTRACTING in Texas has been at a low ebb since the advent of the price freeze in January, but better than 95 percent of the 1951 clip is estimated to be sold.

Early in March some 20,000 fleeces of 8-months wool were purchased by Blanks, Oglesby, representing Fred Whitaker Co., Philadelphia, from the Producers Wool and Mohair Co., Del Rio. Price was \$1.50 per pound.

Al Groebel, San Angelo ranchman, contracted about 3,000 fleeces through Roddie and Company, Brady. The buyer was not disclosed but the price was \$1.50.

Later in the month, a sale of 2,100 8-months fleeces, half lamb and half ewe wool, was made to G. W. Shield buying for Hallowell, Jones and Donald. The purchase was made through the Del Rio Wool and Mohair Co. at \$1.51 per pound. The wool was straight Rambouillet.

There has been little trading on 12-months fleeces but prices have ranged from \$1.46 to \$1.51½ on small tonnage.

Herman Schlemmer, who made the address of welcome to the Directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association when they met at Bandera recently, declared that it was not true that Bandera County can run more dudies to the acre than sheep and goats. However, he said the dudies are more profitable per head. Nevertheless, Bandera County, he pointed out, has about the top membership in the Association of any county in the state.

Jodie Tammen of the Tammen Plumbing Co. in San Angelo has purchased two more sections near Sierra Blanca. This brings Tammen's ranch holdings in that country to 10 sections. Price on the new purchase was \$3.50 an acre.

Tom Poteet and **Dub Clark** of San Angelo sold 600 mixed age Angora nannies to Lawrence Bledsoe also of San Angelo at \$16.50 per head. The nannies ranged from yearlings to solid-mouths. Some had kids at side and others were hiding.



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PUREBRED SHEEP BREEDERS SALE SET FOR GEORGETOWN, MAY 18-19

AT THE directors' meeting of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas held March 22 in Coleman, Ivan Sebastian, Jr., extended an invitation from Georgetown to hold the annual sale in that city. This bid was accepted and the dates of May 18-19 chosen for the auction.

The sale committee is composed of Truett Stanford, Hugh Davenport, and T. R. Hinton. Walter Britten will be auctioneer and Dr. J. C. Miller of Texas A. and M. College will be judge. It was decided to have a maxi-

mum of 25 head per breed. The sale committee was given authority to act for the Association on all matters not covered by existing regulations.

Harrison Davis was elected to fill the unexpired term of T. R. Hinton, who resigned to accept the vice-president's chair.

It was voted to ask the State Fair to have a class for Corriedales this fall.

Program committee members include Leo Richardson, H. C. Noelke, W. E. Couch, Mrs. Ammie Wilson, and Vovelda Van Etten.



QUEEN OF QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS — Mrs. M. G. (Helen) Michaelis of Eagle Pass is a charter member and charter director of the American Quarter Horse Association. With her is Tango, 7-year-old Quarter Horse, which has never raced out of the money.

Helen Michaelis Qualifies as Human Encyclopedia on Horses

HELEN MICHAELIS was born Helen Hall. Brought up on a ranch between Eden and San Angelo she had an inherent love of horses gained from her father, who was interested in horses in England.

In 1928, when she decided to go to the University of Texas she wanted to take her horses with her. Her father wanted to have them shipped to her, but she wanted to DRIVE them — and drive them she did.

Assisted by her brother, Fred, they drove 15 head of horses from the ranch to Austin, then a distance of about 250 miles. They were 6 days en route and required pack horses also to take their supplies. Each night they would go to the nearest ranch house and ask permission to bed down their junior remuda for the night.

This feat gained her nation-wide publicity, and by the time she reached the University she was a celebrity. She installed riding in the curriculum of the school and organized the Bit and Spur Club there. Both the riding classes and the club have grown to large proportions today.

The American Quarter Horse Association, which she helped organize, is now a major livestock association with more than 20,000 Quarter Horses registered to date.

The Association was organized in 1940 and Helen Michaelis served as

the second secretary for a period of 6½ years.

The Michaelises have one son and live during school terms on their ranch near Eagle Pass. They also have some 350,000 acres in Mexico and are very devoted to the Mexican people and that country. Mr. Michaelis flies back and forth to the Mexico ranch in a couple of hours. The trip by car is a 12-hour jaunt.

Her office has the interest of a museum but the glamor and excitement of a Villa raid. Trophies of every description adorn the walls, desks and bookcases — all pertaining to horses. A saddle, made largely of alligator and given her by a Mexican general, is one of three in existence. Trappings and bridles of famous outlaws or anyone well-known for horse-flesh may be seen there contributing to the atmosphere of her study. Much of her time is spent in tracking down bloodlines, etc. Volumes of cumulative research are stored here.

Helen Michaelis is one of the few women in the world considered by men as an authority in the livestock world. They seek her opinion on horses with humble interrogation.

W. A. Burnam, manager of the O. P. Leonard Ranch near Almerita since 1934 has purchased a 600-acre ranch near Cherokee from Mrs. Louise Keyser of San Saba.

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The History of the Quarter Horse

By Helen Michaelis

THE QUARTER HORSE was known originally as the American Quarter Running Horse because he was an American horse developed to run a quarter of a mile. He was established in Virginia in 1665, and is the earliest American horse breed. The foundation stock of the Quarter Horse was a cross between Spanish and native English stock. Colonial horse breeders devoted fifty-four years to the development of the Quarter Horse. In 1611, seventeen native English stallions and mares were imported to Virginia, and these were crossed with Spanish horses to produce a heavily muscled and compact horse that could run a short distance faster than any other breed of horses. By 1655 quarter racing was popular in Virginia, and by 1665 the American Quarter Running Horse was an established breed.

The American Quarter Horse was not founded on the Thoroughbred. The American Quarter Horse was an established breed twenty-four years before the Byerly Turk (the first of the three foundation sires of the English Thoroughbred) was taken to England. The first edition of Weatherby's General Stud Book was published in 1793, but the Thoroughbred in England was not completed until 1827. The American Quarter Horse featured in the development of the Thoroughbred in America, but he was deprived of recognition as a contributing factor. Furthermore, Quarter Horse pedigrees were cleverly concealed in early editions of the American Stud Book. The Stud Book for Thoroughbreds was first begun in the United States in 1829, but the first edition of the American Stud Book was not published until 1868. This

was two years after the Billy Quarter Horse family was established.

Primarily a short distance race horse, the Quarter Horse was secondarily a stock horse. Before long races became popular, the Quarter Horse spread to all parts of the United States and was accepted as the fastest short distance horse in the world. After the Thoroughbred was established in the United States and long races became popular, the Quarter Horse moved on to the great Southwest, where he became known as the greatest cow horse in history. He has maintained this title, both on the range and in the arena and as a race horse.

The Quarter Horse has no equal, even though some breeders of other horse breeds advertise horses of "Quarter Horse type." In type, the Quarter Horse is unlike any other breed and if a horse is of Quarter Horse type, he has Quarter Horse blood. In performance and endurance the Quarter Horse has never been excelled, and in blood lines he has held his own for well over two hundred and fifty years. There is but one way

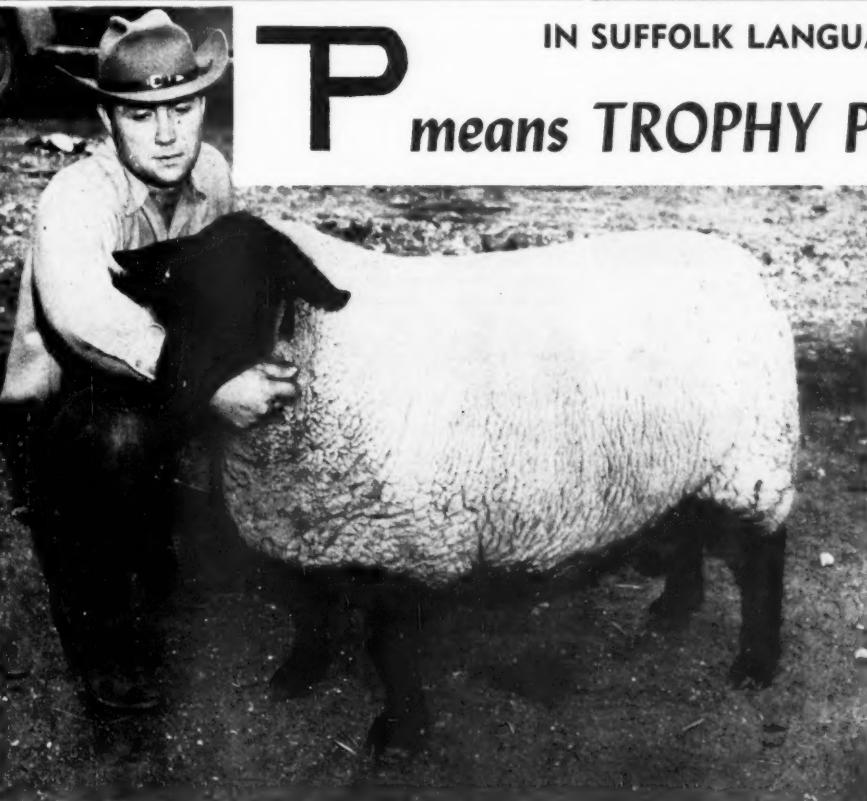
to preserve the Quarter Horse, and that is to breed Quarter Horses to Quarter Horses.

ANGUS SALE SCHEDULED

JOE LEMLEY, Manager of the Morgan-Lemley Farms near San Angelo, was in the office in mid-March outlining plans for a registered Aberdeen-Angus bull sale to be held in San Angelo December 5 at the San Angelo Auction Company sales ring. The sale is to be conducted by Jean Johnson of Veribest; L. Moore and Sons, Eldorado; Dr. George Morgan Estate and Joe Lemley, Manager, San Angelo; and Herman Allen, Menard.

The auctioneer will be Ray Sims of Belton, Missouri.

Considerable thought and planning has already gone into the preparation of this sale and much more is planned. The offering will be from some of the oldest Aberdeen-Angus herds in West Texas and the cattlemen feel that in view of West Texas' needs the 75 or more bulls to be sold will be unexcelled by any previous offering.



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Ewe Lamb	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd
Yearling Ewe	Not Shown	Not Shown	1st	1st and 2nd
Age Ewe	1st and 3rd	1st and 3rd	1st and 2nd	1st and 2nd
Champion Ewe	Champion Ewe	Champion Ewe	Reserve Champion Ewe	Champion Ewe
Exhibitor's Flock	1st	1st	2nd	1st
Lamb Flock	2nd	1st	1st	1st
Get-of-Sire	1st and Gold Bell Trophy Winner	1st	1st	1st

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April 28 - 10 A. M. - Directors' Meeting, Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association - Rocksprings

May 2-6 - Annual Spring Race Meet Del Rio

May 4-6 - 4th Annual Banderia Stompede - Bandera

May 18-19 - Annual Sale Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas - Georgetown

June 7-10 - San Angelo Horse Show and Rodeo - San Angelo

June 15-17 - County Fair Exhibit and Horse Show - Del Rio

June 16-18 - Annual Meeting, Columbia Sheep Breeders Association Gillette, Wyoming

June 21-22 - 14th Annual Wool and Mohair Show - Sonora.

July 9-11 - San Angelo Rambouillet Show and Sale - San Angelo

July 24 - All-American Corriedale Show and Sale - Greeley, Colorado

August 2-4 - Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association Show - Rocksprings

August 20-21 - National Ram Sale, Salt Lake City, Utah

September 22 - 6th Annual Columbia and Suffolk Sheep Sale - Milan, Missouri

October 3-6 - State Wool and Mohair Festival - Kerrville

November 5-7 - 36th Annual Convention, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, El Paso

December 5 - Johnson - Moore Lemley - Allen Angus Bull Sale - San Angelo Livestock Auction ring

December 4-7 - The National Wool Growers Convention, Portland, Oregon



CORRIE DALE FAMILY — Jack and Truett K. Stanford of Eldorado are following in the Corriedale footsteps of their father, Truett, Sr., internationally known Corriedale breeder. The boys showed the top Corriedale ewe and ram in the Boys' Show at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show, and led most of the classes. (Standard-Times Photo.)



CHAMP DELAINE RAM AT HOUSTON

Owen Bragg, Talpa, who has won numerous prizes this year with his fine Delaine show flock, exhibited the ram shown above to the Championship at Houston.

SHEEP & GOAT RAISER

In Memoriam

EDWARD L. PRESLAR

EDWARD L. PRESLAR, 51, a Winona ranchman died March 20 in a Sweetwater hospital. He had been suffering from leukemia for the past year.

He formerly ranched in South Dakota. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Maud Preslar; a son, Bill Preslar; his mother, Mrs. Effie Preslar, all of Wingate.

WILL A. ADAMS

WILL A. ADAMS, 78, died February 15 in a Fort Stockton hospital. Born in Red River County, Mr. Adams moved with his family to Llano County. Later he moved to San Angelo, and married Miss Delta Sims in 1898.

At one time Mr. and Mrs. Adams ranched in Schleicher County, and later moved to Ozona. In 1928, they moved to Pecos County.

Mrs. Adams; a son, Clay of Ozona; and two grandchildren, Jane and Camille Adams are the only immediate survivors.

JOHN McQUEEN TAYLOR

JOHN McQUEEN TAYLOR, 82, retired Juno ranchman died March 7 in Del Rio. He was suffering from cancer.

A native of Bell County, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Taylor; a son, Elmo of Langtry; a daughter, Mrs. H. O. Parson of Tempe, Arizona; a sister, Mrs. Viola Franks of Del Rio. J. O. Taylor, Jr. and Hal Franks of Del Rio are nephews. Other nieces and nephews living in Ozona are Sherman Franks, Archie Taylor, Mrs. F. M. Deaton, Mrs. Ray Parker, Mrs. F. A. Coates, Mrs. Vera Baker and Mabel Taylor.

THADDEUS WILLIAM

(THAD) THOMPSON

THADDEUS WILLIAM (THAD) THOMPSON, 67, retired grocer and ranchman died suddenly March 11 of a heart attack.

Born in Caldwell, he moved with his parents to Runnels County while still a young boy. The Thompsons ranched there and later in Schleicher County. He married Myrtle Whitaker of Ballinger in 1918. After World War I he opened a grocery store in San Angelo and then ranched a number of years.

He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. H. E. Moore of San Angelo; a sister, Mrs. W. W. Fowler of Ballinger; two grandsons, Hal and Thad Moore of San Angelo and seven nieces and nephews.

L. P. HORTON

L. P. HORTON, 70, prominent Sabinal ranchman, died March 8 in a Uvalde hospital.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Leroy Horton and Eck Horton of Sabinal; two sisters, Mrs. Dora Norton and Mrs. Mae Van Riper both of San Antonio; two brothers, Ross Horton of San Antonio and Fred Horton of Tilden; and two grandsons.

FRITZ LUCKENBACH

FRITZ LUCKENBACH, 88, died in a Brady hospital March 27. A resident of Menard, Mr. Luckenbach rose from a blacksmith's helper to one of the largest land holders in the region.

He was born in Fredericksburg and was married there later in 1888. After serving his blacksmith's apprenticeship he moved to San Angelo, then a frontier town and established a smithy. Later he moved to Menardville and opened a blacksmith shop. From there he went into the hotel business, still in Menard. The blacksmith shop became a hardware store and finally evolved on to a motor company.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters and a son all of Menard; Mrs. C. W. Kothmann, Mrs. Henry Reeve, Mrs. R. Q. Launders, Mrs. Hugh Spiller and Fritz, Jr.

NORMAN READ

NORMAN READ, 57, well known Howard County ranchman died at his home in Coahoma February 19. He was a native of the county and was always active in ranching and in Masonic work. He had suffered from a heart condition for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Florence Read; two brothers, H. Noble Read of Coahoma and Willard Read of Big Spring, and several nieces and nephews.

JOHN A. HILL

JOHN A. HILL, 80, internationally known wool expert and vice-president of the University of Wyoming, died in Laramie March 10, following a brief illness.

He has served as dean of the college of agriculture and director of its experiment station for 28 years prior to his retirement last July.

Nearly a half century ago he came to the University as a student. After his graduation in 1907 he was named professor of wool technology and head of the new wool department. He began research on sheep breeding problems under federal grants made to the Wyoming agricultural experiment station, set up a pilot plant for scouring wool.

Hill initiated new research projects, one being a culling process which stepped up annual fleece averages. He received recognition from Australia when he adapted a method of classifying wool from crossbred sheep to Wyoming. He taught a course in wool production and marketing so famous that students were sent from all parts of the world to study wool under his guidance.

He was a member of the Wool Advisory Committee for the Agricultural Research and Marketing Act of the USDA, and was frequently called to Washington for consultation by groups who needed his knowledge of wool. In 1949 his portrait was hung in the Saddle and Sirloin Club, Chicago, by the American Society of Animal Production.

His wife and five children survive.

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